



ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

FOR

STATION WPTF

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WPTF PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES

WPTF operates an "All News, All Day" format that includes "in-depth" news coverage. Many of the "news segments" that air each weekday deal with issues of politics, economy, human relations, morality, and other general topics affecting the community and our listeners in the Raleigh-Durham area. In 24-hours, 680 WPTF airs 12 hours of news programming and 12 hours of informative talk programming each weekday.

1. North Carolina's Early Morning News and Morning News (Monday - Friday, 5:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.)

A locally-produced morning "news wheel," hosted by Patrick Johnson, Brian Freeman, Donna Martinez and Rick Martinez focusing on world, national and local news, plus weather, and traffic and interview segments throughout the show. The bulk of this weekday program is news, weather, traffic and other information to help listeners get their day started. The program includes updates from CBS Market Watch. There are regular guest appearances by people in the political, tech, business, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

2. The Dave Ramsey Show (Until June 13, 2013) (Monday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon)

National talk show hosted by Dave Ramsey who offers financial advice and how it involves life, love and relationships, and how they happen to revolve around money.

2A. North Carolina's Mid-day News (Effective June 14, 2013) (Monday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon)

A locally-produced "news wheel," hosted by Patrick Johnson which focuses on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with guests in the entertainment, local news, political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

3. North Carolina's Mid-day News (Monday - Friday, 12:00 noon -3:00 p.m.)

A locally-produced "news wheel," hosted by Scott Briggaman which focuses on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with guests in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

4. North Carolina's Afternoon News (Monday - Friday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

A locally-produced "news wheel," hosted by Marla Roth focusing on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with people in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length

5. North Carolina's Evening News (Monday - Friday, (5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.)

A locally-produced "news wheel," hosted by Bruce Ferrell focuses on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with guests in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length

6. The Dave Ramsey Show (Until June 13, 2013) (Monday - Friday, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

National talk show hosted by Dave Ramsey who offers financial advice and how it involves life, love and relationships, and how they happen to revolve around money.

7. Clark Howard (Until June 13, 2013) (Monday – Friday, 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)
(Effective June 14, 2013) (Monday – Friday, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

The nationally produced Clark Howard show is helping millions of Americans through all types of financial trouble. He simplifies complex issues, allays fears, and offers sound advice to help families thrive during financial crisis. In addition to the program, listeners are kept up to date with news updates from CBS and WPTF News.

8. Open Line (Monday - Friday 9 p.m. -10 p.m.)

Hosted by long time WPTF staff member Tom Kearney, this show spans a wide gamut of issues including current events, sports and pop culture. Guest experts normally participate in the show and calls are taken from local listeners as well as many others within range of WPTF's 50,000 watt night time signal via a toll-free number.

9. Dr. Joy Browne (Monday - Friday 10 p.m. – 1 a.m.)

Nationally syndicated talk radio show focused on helping people deal with different life difficulties.

10. Red-Eye Radio (Tuesday – Saturday, 1 a.m. – 5 a.m.)

Nationally syndicated, Red-Eye Radio is the country's national clearinghouse of information, thoughts and opinions on numerous issues. Katie Award Winning hosts Eric Harley and Gary McNamara engage their millions of listeners and callers with the major issues of the day including current events, legislation, popular culture, family issues, detailed national weather forecasts, safety tips and interviews with trucking industry leaders.

11. WPTF News: WPTF broadcasts world, national and local news at the top and bottom of every hour 24 hours a day. Newscasts also include sports and weather. Breaking news is broadcast immediately by WPTF's staff of six full-time news anchors/reporters plus the resources of CBS News. All major news events, such as a State of the Union speech are carried live. Some examples of local news stories during the 1st quarter are listed at the end of this report, along with date, time and issue.

12. WPTF Traffic Reports: WPTF broadcasts local traffic weekdays from 5 am to 9 am and 3 pm to 7 pm. Reports are aired at :08, :18, :28, :38, :48 and :58. Each report runs from a full minute in length and are produced locally within WPTF's studios by the Triangle Traffic Network

In addition to the weekday programs, WPTF airs numerous weekend programs in the public interest:

13. North Carolina's Morning News – Saturday (Saturdays, 7:00 am – 8:00 am)

A locally-produced morning "news wheel," hosted by Dave Richmond focused on world, national and local news, plus weather and interview segments throughout the show. The bulk of this program is news, weather, traffic and other information to help listeners get their Saturday started. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

14. Weekend Gardner: (Saturdays, 8:00 am -11:00 am)

A locally-produced talk show that has experts fielding listener's calls about plants and gardening.

15. Dining Out with Greg Cox: (Saturdays, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm)

A locally produced restaurant review program featuring News and Observer food critic Greg Cox and hosted by Dave Richmond. Greg gives listeners the inside scoop on eateries all over the Triangle covering all food categories, new restaurants and secret places to eat.

16. Joe Wade Formicola: (Saturdays, 1:00pm - 4:00pm)

Locally produced call In, Topical News and debate on anything from Entertainment to the latest in Politics. Joe Wade offers up whatever is on his or his listener's minds with little to no holding back.

17. Triangle Trader (Sundays, 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.)

The host takes calls from listeners, who are allowed to list items for sale on air.

18. Religious Programming:

(Sundays, 9 a.m. - 12 noon)

WPTF broadcasts live the morning worship services of Edenton Street United Methodist Church and White Memorial Presbyterian Church on alternate Sundays.

19. Money Matters

(Sundays, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

The hosts are Doug and Linda Lewis, certified financial planners, who answer questions about the economy, and personal finance. They deal with issues of 401K and other employer retirement plans, IRAs, Roth IRA's, etc. They discuss the markets, national, regional, and local financial news and the impact a story may have on the economy.

20. 60 Minutes

(Sundays, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

This nationally known television news show highlights news maker interviews and investigative reports along with celebrity guest interviews and commentary. 60 Minutes is presented live to listeners even when the television version is delayed.

21. NASCAR and NASCAR Live

(Schedule varies)

Sprint Cup NASCAR races from the Motor Racing Network and the Performance Racing Network are heard on selected Saturdays and Sundays and each Tuesday evening at 7 pm NASCAR fans hear the latest news on upcoming races and events in the world of racing on NASCAR live from the Motor Racing Network.

**ISSUES OF CONCERN TO RALEIGH-DURHAM
ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING**

CODE ISSUE

AC	Arts & Culture	HSM	Health, Safety and Medical Affairs
CD	Crime/Drugs	HO	Housing
CR	Civil Rights & Activism	IA	International Affairs
EC	Economy/Employment	NS	National Security
ED	Education	PA	Political Affairs
EH	Environment/Health	RE	Religion
GA	Government Affairs	SP	Sports/Games/Races
GR	Growth/Transportation/Roads		

WPTF news segments and interviews air as one-minute-thirty second to three-minute packages that air at various times during the day, within WPTF news hours.

AC-Arts & Culture

APRIL 2 – MOST OF US CAN SPEAK ... EXCEPT FOR BABIES AND MONKS ... A HANDFUL OF US HAVE THE ABILITY TO SPEAK PUBLICLY ... AND THEN THERE ARE THE SELECT FEW WHO ARE CONSIDERED "VOCAL TALENTS." THOSE ARE THE MEN AND WOMEN BEHIND A POPULAR BOOK-ON-TAPE SERIES TITLED, "STORIES FROM THE GOLDEN AGE." WPTF'S JOSH ZACH HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH BOB CASO (CASS-OH), A VOICE ACTOR WHO'S APPEARED ON DOZENS OF THESE PULP FICTION STORIES, WRITTEN BY L. RON HUBBARD IN THE 1930S AND 40S. AC

APRIL 3 – NORTH CAROLINA'S CRAFT AND SPECIALITY BEER INDUSTRY IS GROWING -- AND THIS MONTH HAS BEEN SET ASIDE TO SALUTE WHAT'S BREWING AT SITES FROM THE

MOUNTAINS TO THE COAST. BRUCE FERRELL GOT THE DETAILS FROM MARLO METZGER FROM THE STATE DIVISION OF TOURISM. AC

APRIL 3 – FACEBOOK MAY ANNOUNCE THAT IT'S COMING OUT WITH A PHONE! BRIAN FREEMAN GETS DETAILS FROM GREGG STEBBEN. AC

APRIL 4 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-GIL WHITEHURST-AUTOMOBILE ENTHUSIAST-TALKS WITH LISTENERS ABOUT CLASSIC CARS (AND TRUCKS)-AC

APRIL 5 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-GUEST STEPHEN KEARNEY-MOVIE TRIVIA NIGHT-FAMOUS QUOTATIONS-AC

APRIL 5 – STARBUCKS IS JUST ONE OF THE BUSINESSES THAT HAVE CHOSEN TO RAISE THEIR VOICE ON HOT TOPIC ISSUES IN OUR CULTURE. THE QUESTIONS NOW ARE SHOULD THE BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORT "ANTI-FAMILY" ISSUES BE POINTED OUT?... AND IS IT TIME TO BOYCOTT THESE BUSINESSES? ARTHUR ALLY OF THE TIMOTHY FUND, JOINS DOUG KELLETT OF THE MORNING DRIVE, TO TALK ABOUT THE THINGS AND BUSINESSES THAT ADVOCATE THE DISTRACTION OF OUR CULTURE. AC

APRIL 5 – WHAT'S OLD IS NEW AGAIN...20 YEARS AFTER THE FACT IN THE MOVIES THIS WEEKEND. KEVIN CARR FROM FATGUYSATTHEMOVIES.COM ALSO GAVE BRIAN FREEMAN HIS PICKS FOR "WHAT TO SEE" THIS WEEKEND. AC

APRIL 8 – IT'S A NATIONAL EFFORT TO PROVIDE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN OF DEPLOYED SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHOSE PARENTS ARE MEMBER OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE -- WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY IN RECENT YEARS. BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH SCOTT ENROUGHTY (EN ROUGH TEE), WHO IS THE NORTH CAROLINA PROJECT COORDINATOR FOR OPERATION MILITARY KIDS. AC

APRIL 9 – WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A TWO WEEK CELEBRATION OF SCIENCE IN NORTH CAROLINA WITH THE N-C SCIENCE FESTIVAL, THE LARGEST EVENT OF IT'S KIND IN THE NATION. WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON SPOKE WITH THE FESTIVAL'S DIRECTOR, JONATHAN FREDERICK ABOUT THIS YEAR'S EVENT, WHICH CONCLUDES ON APRIL 21ST. AC

APRIL 10 – SPRING IS IN THE AIR, AND IT'S SYNONYMOUS WITH WEDDING SEASON ... JUST ABOUT EVERY BUDDING BRIDE-TO-BE HAS BEEN PLANNING HER WEDDING IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER SINCE SHE WAS A TEENAGER, BUT PLANNING A REAL WEDDING IS MUCH DIFFERENT THAT SAVING MAGAZINE CLIPPINGS IN A SCRAP BOOK ... AND SOMETIMES PRESENT WITH DOWNRIGHT DAUNTING CHALLENGES.WPTF'S MARLA ROTH SPOKE WITH JANICE CUTLER -- OWNER OF NORTH RALEIGH FLORIST -- WHO OFFERED SOME ADVICE ... NATURALLY ... ON THE FLOWERS. AC

APRIL 10 -TOM KEARNEY SHOW - FRANK JOLLY RAGSDALE,CIVIL WAR ENTHUSIAST-DISCUSSES WILLIAM T SHERMAN'S VISIT TO RALEIGH,1865-AC

APRIL 11-TOM KEARNEY SHOW - LISTENER PARTICIPATION-IN MUSIC TRIVIA AND TRIBUTE TO ANNETTE FUNICELLO-AC

APRIL 11 – IT ONLY TOOK A FEW HOURS FOR A SIX-MINUTE SONG ABOUT RACE TO SPARK A BACKLASH AFTER ITS RELEASE. THE SONG BY THE UNLIKELY DUO OF BRAD PAISLEY AND LL COOL J, "ACCIDENTAL RACIST" HAS BEEN SLAMMED BY MUSIC CRITICS AND FANS ALIKE FOR ITS ATTEMPT AT A DIALOGUE ON RACE BETWEEN TWO MEN FROM STARKLY DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS. WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON HAS REACTION FROM MARTY YOUNG FROM OUR SISTER STATION 94.7 QDR. AC

APRIL 12 – THE 80S...A GREAT TIME, A GREAT ERA... NATIONALLY SYNDICATED COLUMNIST DAVID SIROTA AND AUTHOR OF "BACK TO THE FUTURE" JOINS MORNING DRIVE SHOW HOST DOUG KELLETT TO INFORM US ABOUT THE THREE NIGHT MINI-SERIES ON NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ON SUNDAY, APRIL 14 ENTITLED "THE 80S: THE DECADE THAT MADE US". AC

APRIL 12 – MILLIONS OF US GET OUR WATER FROM OUR OWN PRIVATE WELLS, BUT ONE EXPERT SAYS MANY OF US DON'T DO ENOUGH TO MAINTAIN THEM. GARY CRAWFORD HAS MORE. AC

APRIL 12 – FOR MOVIE GOERS THIS WEEKEND COULD BE A GREAT HISTORY LESSON. KEVIN CARR FROM FATGUYSATTHEMOVIES.COM GAVE BRIAN FREEMAN HIS PICKS FOR "WHAT TO SEE" THIS WEEKEND. AC

APRIL 15 – WE RECENTLY FOUND OUT THAT DURHAM EARNED TOP HONORS ON SOUTHERN LIVING MAGAZINE'S "TASTIEST TOWN IN THE SOUTH" LIST FOR 2013 -- ASHEVILLE MADE THAT LIST AS WELL -- BUT NORTH CAROLINA'S CULINARY CREDITS DON'T END THERE. ALSO GETTING IN ON THE EDIBLE ACTION IS CHAPEL HILL, WHICH HAS JUST BEEN NAMED A "TOP 10 FOODIE CITY" BY THE WEBSITE, LIVABILITY DOT COM. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH LIVABILITY EDITOR MATT CARMICHAEL TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE LIST, AND WHAT MADE CHAPEL HILL STAND OUT. AC

APRIL 17 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-GEORGANN EUBANKS-ON HER NEW BOOK "LITERARY TRAILS OF EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA -AC

APRIL 18 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-BOB THOMPSON ON HIS BOOK "BORN ON A MOUNTAINTOP AND NCSU PROFESSOR DR. JAMES CRISP, AUTHOR OF "SLEUTHING THE ALAMO"-AC

APRIL 18 – CARY POLICE SAID AN ENGLISH PROFESSOR AT WAKE TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE WAS ARRESTED AFTER BEING FOUND ON A WEBSITE KNOWN FOR UNDERAGE PORNOGRAPHY. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVEREZ REPORTS. CD

APRIL 18 – LETTERS SENT TO PRESIDENT OBAMA AND TO MISSISSIPPI REPUBLICAN SEN. ROGER WICKER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS RICIN. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DR.CHRISTOPHER OHL (LIKE "OLE MISS") -- PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES AT WAKE FOREST BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER TO DISCUSS THE RISK AND DANGERS OF THE POISON. CD

APRIL 18 – THE APRIL 15TH DEADLINE TO FILE YOUR INCOME TAX HAS COME AND GONE. DID YOU GET YOUR RETURN IN ON TIME? IF YOU DIDN'T, DON'T WORRY ... YOU WON'T BE TAKEN AWAY AND FORCED TO WASH DISHES. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH IRS SPOKESMAN DAN BOONE WHO OFFERED UP SOME ADVICE FOR TAXPAYERS WHO STILL NEED TO GET THEIR RETURNS FILED. AC

APRIL 18 – THE BACKPACK BUDDIES PROGRAM PROVIDES CHILDREN FROM FOOD-INSECURE HOMES WITH WEEKEND MEALS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR. AND THE PIT'S 5TH ANNUAL 'CUEGRASS FESTIVAL RETURNS TO THE WAREHOUSE DISTRICT OF DOWNTOWN RALEIGH THIS SATURDAY. WHAT DO THEY HAVE IN COMMON? BRIAN FREEMAN FOUND OUT FROM GREG HATEM. AC

APRIL 22 – ALL THIS MONTH, NORTH CAROLINA IS CELEBRATING THE SUDS. FROM COAST TO COAST, EVERYONE IS COMING TOGETHER FOR THE INAUGURAL NC BEER MONTH, CELEBRATING OUR REGIONAL BEER CULTURE WITH FESTIVALS AND OTHER EVENTS --- TO FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE, GO TO THE WEBSITE NCBEERMONT DOT COM --- WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SAT DOWN WITH MIMS DISTRIBUTING CEO, CHIP MIMS, TO TALK LOCAL BEER, MICRO BREWS, AND THE MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION. AC

APRIL 23 - EXACTLY ONE WEEK AFTER THE BOSTON MARATHON BOMBINGS, HUNDREDS IN RALEIGH SWEAT IT OUT TO HONOR THE VICTIMS. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS. AC

APRIL 23 - ON MONDAY, WE HEARD ABOUT MIKE TYSON'S ONE-MAN SHOW, WHICH IS COMING TO THE DPAC TONIGHT (TUESDAY)... IN PART TWO OF PATRICK JOHNSON'S INTERVIEW WITH TYSON, THE FORMER WORLD BOXING CHAMPION TALKS ABOUT FAME AND FAMILY. AC

APRIL 23 - THERE'S A PLACE IN CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA THAT VERY FEW PEOPLE KNOW EXISTS, BUT NOT FOR LONG. JOSH ZACH EXPLAINS, IN PART ONE OF OUR WEEK-LONG SERIES ON ... THE CONSERVATOR'S CENTER. AC

APRIL 24 – ABOUT AN HOUR'S DRIVE FROM RALEIGH, THERE'S A PLACE THAT SERVES AS A WILDLIFE SANCTUARY FOR ANIMALS. BIG ANIMALS. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH AND SCOTT BRIGGAMAN DISCOVERED THE CONSERVATOR'S CENTER NEAR MEBANE AND -- IN PART 2 OF OUR WEEK-LONG SERIES ON THE NONPROFIT -- WE LEARN HOW THE FACILITY HAS GROWN FROM IT'S HUMBLE BEGINNINGS, MORE THAN A DECADE AGO. AC

APRIL 24 – GREGG STEBBEN, MEN'S MAGAZINE EDITOR AND TREND AND TECH GURU...ABOUT WHAT CAN WE LEARN ABOUT MANAGING OUR ONLINE REPUTATIONS FROM BOSTON BOMBERS? AC

APRIL 25 – ALL THIS WEEK WE'VE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT THE CONSERVATOR'S CENTER ... A LITTLE-KNOWN ANIMAL SANCTUARY NORTH OF MEBANE. THE NONPROFIT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE 2001, BUT HAS DONE SO QUIETLY, AND WITHOUT MUCH FANFARE ... AND FOR THE SOUNDS THAT CAN BE HEARD COMING FROM THE HIDEAWAY WILDLIFE HAVEN, THAT IN ITSELF IS SURPRISING. JOSH ZACH REPORTS IN PART 3 OF OUR IN DEPTH SERIES. AC

APRIL 26 – THERE'S AN ANIMAL SANCTUARY IN CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA THAT'S REMAINED BELOW THE RADAR TO MOST FOLKS. BUT, AS THE CONSERVATOR'S CENTER -- NORTH OF MEBANE -- HAS RAPIDLY GROWN OVER THE PAST DECADE, PEOPLE HAVE GRADUALLY BEEN LEARNING ABOUT THIS WILDLIFE HAVEN FOR CATS. BIG CATS! THEY MIGHT BE A LITTLE HARD TO FIND, BUT AS JOSH ZACH REPORTS IN PART 4 OF OUR WEEK-LONG SERIES, ONCE YOU FIND THE CONSERVATOR'S CENTER, YOU'LL NEVER LEAVE. AC

APRIL 26 – STATE LAWMAKERS HAVE HONORED A LATE NORTH CAROLINA BLUEGRASS LEGEND AS A FESTIVAL NAMED FOR HIS SON GETS UNDERWAY IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE STATE....WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. AC

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APRIL 29 –TOM KEARNEY SHOW-ANN BUDDENHAGEN ON THE HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SIR WALTER HOTEL- AC

APRIL 30 – EVERYONE IS ANTICIPATING "IRON MAN 3" WHICH COMES OUT IN THEATERS FRIDAY, BUT WHAT ELSE IS TO PREMIERE THIS SUMMER? DAVE KARGER, HOST OF THE "WEEKEND TICKET" ON THE MOVIE WEBSITE FANDANGO, TALKS ABOUT THE UPCOMING SUMMER RELEASES THAT AIM TO PACK MOVIE THEATERS. AC

APRIL 30 – WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE SUCCESS OF THE DURHAM PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THERE WAS ONCE A PUBLIC OUTCRY ABOUT BUILDING IT. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED TO JASON DEBRUIN FROM THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL ABOUT WHAT THE CITY DID TO HELP MAKE DPAC A HIT. AC

APRIL 30 – WHEN IS A BENCH MORE THAN A BENCH ? WHEN IT HAS BARCODES THE PROVIDE DETAILS LESSONS ABOUT STATE HISTORY -- THAT WILL BE THE CASE AT THE STATE CAPITOL.. THEY WILL BE UNVEILED OFFICIALLY WEDNESDAY -- AS BRUCE FERRELL FOUND OUT FROM THE CAPITOL'S HISTORIC SITE ADMINISTRATOR DEANNA MITCHELL. AC

MAY 1 – IS FACEBOOK BEGINNING TO LOSE IT'S GRIP ON AMERICA AND WHY IS TWITTER TRENDING HIGHER? BRIAN FREEMAN LOOKS AT THE TREND WITH MEN'S HEALTH'S EDITOR GREGG STEBBEN. AC

MAY 1 – PRISCILLA QUEEN OF THE DESERT OPENED AT DPAC LAST NIGHT AND THIS TRUE MUSICAL ROMP CONTINUES THROUGH MAY 5TH. BRIAN FREEMAN HAD A CHANCE TO GO INSIDE THE PRISCILLA PERFORMANCE WITH SHOW STAR SCOTT WILLIS. AC

MAY 2 – LIGHTS, CAMERAS AND LOTS OF ACTION WITH PRODUCTION OF A FEATURE FILM UNDERWAY IN NORTH CAROLINA BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED TO LAMONT JOHNSON OF CHIEKO ALICE FILMS ABOUT THE PROJECT CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN THE TRIANGLE AND THE TRIAD. AC

MAY 2 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DOUG AND AUSTIN MATTOX OF MATTOX STAMPS AND COINS- TALK NUMISMATICS AND PHILATERY- AC

MAY 3 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-GUEST STEPHEN KEARNEY QUIZES US ON TV WESTERNS AND NEW LONE RANGER MOVIE- AC

MAY 3 – TOMORROW NIGHT IN CARY, MUSICIAN LYLE LOVETT WILL BE HEADLINING A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE TAMMY LYNN CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OFFERING EDUCATIONAL, RESIDENTIAL AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. OUR PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH LOVETT AND IN THE SECOND PART OF THIS INTERVIEW, LOVETT RECALLS A BRUSH WITH DEATH. AC

MAY 3 – THINKING OF HEADING TO MOVIES THIS WEEKEND? IRON MAN 3, FILMED HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA OPENS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TODAY AFTER A \$300-MILLION OPENING N EUROPE. BRIAN FREEMAN GOT KEVIN CARR'S REVIEW. AC

MAY 3 – NEAL "NELLO" MCTIGHE AND HIS TALENTED TOMATO TEAM FROM NELLO'S ITALY KNOWN FOR WHAT'S CALLED "THE BEST PASTA SAUCE EVER MADE" STEP UP TO HELP FEED THE HUNGRY. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED TO MCTIGHE ABOUT HIS EFFORT. AC

MAY 6 – TOMORROW NIGHT (TUESDAY), DPAC WELCOMES OPERATIC POP QUARTETTE IL DIVO ... THEY'VE SOLD OVER 26 MILLION RECORDS WORLDWIDE AND ARE CURRENTLY ON A WORLD TOUR, WHICH BRINGS THEM THROUGH THE TRIANGLE... AND PATRICK JOHNSON BRINGS ONE OF THEIR MEMBERS, CARLOS MIRAN, TO YOU RIGHT NOW. AC

MAY 6 – WHAT WOULD YOUR NEIGHBORS THINK IF YOU POLLED THEM ABOUT EVERY DECISION YOU ARE CONSIDERING? FOR ONE PRESIDENT EVEN THE NAME OF HIS DOG WAS WAS DECIDED BY A PUBLIC POLL. PAUL BEDARD FROM THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER GIVES BRIAN FREEMAN THE "BACK ROOM" DETAILS. AC

MAY 7 – MOTHER'S DAY IS MAY 12TH THIS SUNDAY, AND IF YOU'RE SCRAMBLING FOR GIFT IDEAS, WE CAN HELP. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED TO TRAE (TRAY) BODGE OF RETAILMENOT.COM ABOUT WHAT MOM WANTS THIS SUNDAY. AC

MAY 7 – WORK CONTINUES ON AN EXHIBIT THAT WILL EVENTUALLY LEAD TO MORE POLAR BEARS AT THE NORTH CAROLINA ZOO -- BRUCE FERRELL CAUGHT UP WITH SPOKESMAN ROD HACKNEY FOR AN UPDATE. AC

MAY 8 – RALEIGH HAS EARNED RECOGNITION FROM THE NATIONAL NONPROFIT, KABOOM!, AS A 2013 PLAYFUL CITY USA COMMUNITY. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH MIKE VIETTA (VEE-ETTA) -- THE SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER AT KABOOM! -- TO DISCUSS HOW RALEIGH MADE THE LIST FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO GIVE CHILDREN AMPLE SPACE TO PLAY. AC

MAY 9 – SENIOR VOLUNTEERING IS AT A 10 YEAR HIGH.. BRUCE FERRELL FOUND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW SENIORS ARE MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THEIR COMMUNITIES AS HE SPOKE WITH WENDY SPENCER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ABOUT SENIOR CORPS WEEK. AC

MAY 9 – YOU'VE HEARD THE STORY ABOUT THE 3-D PRINTING OF A GUN, BUT HOW DO 3-D PRINTERS WORK AND IS THERE BENEFIT TO USING THEM AND WHAT FUTURE APPLICATIONS ARE IN THE WORKS. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS DETAILS FROM OUR TREND AND TECH GURU AND MEN'S HEALTH MAGAZINE EDITOR GREGG STEBBEN. AC

MAY 9 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-TRIVIA NIGHT -LISTENER PARTICIPATION AC

MAY 10 – BEHIND THE BENCH AND ON THE SIDELINES WE FIND THE COACH ... THE ONE WHO HELPS THE PLAYERS BE THEIR BEST. BUT DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE COACHES FOR THE BOARD ROOM, THE LIVING ROOM AND THE LAUNDRY ROOM? WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH SACKEENA GORDON-JONES -- THE RALEIGH CHAPTER PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COACH FEDERATION, TO DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF COACHING IN PERSONAL AND BUSINESS SUCCESS. AC

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MAY 10 – HERE WITH SOME IDEAS ON HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR WEEKEND IS BRUCE FERRELL WITH FAYE MITCHELL FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES. AC

MAY 13 – HAVE YOU EVER FELT A LITTLE BIT LOST? MAYBE YOU THOUGHT THAT YOU COULD BENEFIT BY AN EXPERIENCED HAND GUIDING YOUR WAY? THAT'S THE IDEA BEHIND A SYMPOSIUM COMING TO DURHAM LATER THIS MONTH. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH SACKEENA (SUH-KEENA) GORDON-JONES -- THE RALEIGH CHAPTER PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COACH FEDERATION -- TO DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE OF COACHING IN PERSONAL AND BUSINESS SUCCESS. AC

MAY 13 – TODAY AT NOON, THE LIVES OF 18 FAMILIES WILL BE (WERE) CHANGED BY THE WHEELS4HOPE ORGANIZATION. BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE WITH JOHN BUSH, DIRECTOR, WHEELS FOR HOPE TO LEARN MORE. AC

MAY 13 – HE'S NOT BEEN IN THE NEWS FOR A WHILE, BUT NOW FORMER VICE PRESIDENT DICK CHENEY HAS FULLY RECOVERED FROM A HEART TRANSPLANT. WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE FORMER VP? BRIAN FREEMAN GETS DETAILS FROM THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER'S PAUL BEDARD. AC

MAY 13 – A NEW EXHIBIT OPENS THIS FRIDAY AT THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF HISTORY THAT HIGHLIGHTS THE NORTH CAROLINA CONNECTION TO THE WATERGATE BREAK-IN AND INVESTIGATION. RUFUS EDMISTEN, COUNCIL FOR SAM ERVIN AT THE TIME, HIGHLIGHTED SOME OF THE HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS TO HIGHLIGHTED DURING THE EXHIBITS YEAR LONG SHOWING. HE SPOKE WITH BRIAN FREEMAN. AC

MAY 14 – COMING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF HISTORY ON FRIDAY (MAY 17), IT'S THE YEAR LONG EXHIBIT -- WATERGATE: POLITICAL SCANDAL & THE PRESIDENCY. ONE OF THE KEY INDIVIDUALS IS RUFUS EDMISTEN, WHO TALKS TO OUR PATRICK JOHNSON ABOUT THE SUBPOENA HE DELIVERED TO THE WHITE HOUSE FOR THE WATERGATE TAPES. AC

MAY 14 – RECENTLY, WE TOLD YOU ABOUT HOW THE POLAR BEAR EXHIBIT AT THE NORTH CAROLINA ZOO IN ASHEBORO IS UNDERGOING A MAJOR EXPANSION AND FACELIFT -- BUT THAT'S NOT ALL THAT'S GOING ON AS BRUCE FERRELL FOUND OUT IN TALKING WITH ROD HACKNEY AT THE ZOO. AC

MAY 14 – HOW DID A FORMER IBM PROJECT MANAGER, WHO QUIT A \$100K A YEAR JOB, START A SMALL BUSINESS AND MADE \$2 MILLION? JOLYON HALLOWS HAS WRITTEN A NUTS AND BOLTS MANUAL CALLED NINE SIMPLE STEPS TO GET THERE, ON HOW ANYONE CAN DO THE SAME. HE SHARED SOME HIS SECRETS WITH BRIAN FREEMAN. AC

MAY 14 – AMERICA'S FIRST SPACE STATION WENT INTO ORBIT 40 YEARS AGO TODAY. CBS' PETER KING REPORTS. AC

MAY 14 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-ANN BUDDENHAGEN-TALES OF GROWING UP IN THE SIR WALTER HOTEL-AC

MAY 15 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-KEN HOWARD,DIRECTOR , N.C. MUSEUM OF HISTORY,WATERGATEEXHIBIT AND OTHER EVENTS COMOING UP AT THE MUSEUM-AC

MAY 15 – IT DOESN'T HAPPEN OFTEN, BUT SURPRISINGLY SOME HIGH TECH PRODUCTS, LAUNCHED BY MAJOR COMPANIES, FAIL VERY QUICKLY. BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE WITH TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN ABOUT TWO PRODUCTS, RECENTLY RELEASED, THAT DIDN'T MAKE THE GRADE AND ARE NOW BEING PUT ON THE SHELF OR ARE BEING UPDATED. AC

MAY 16 – ACCUWEATHER'S DAN PADANOWSKI WITH BRIAN FREEMAN ON HOW A SHOWER OR TWO COULD AFFECT YOUR WEEKEND ACTIVITIES HERE, AT THE MOUNTAINS AND AT THE BEACH. AC

MAY 16 – IN SEPTEMBER, RALEIGH WILL WELCOME THE INTERNATIONAL BLUEGRASS MUSIC ASSOCIATION'S WORLD OF BLUEGRASS 2013 EVENT... (WPTF'S) PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH IMBA'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NANCY CARDWELL ABOUT THE EVENT LEAVING NASHVILLE AND COMING TO THE CITY OF OAKS. AC

MAY 16 – TECHNOLOGY IS DESIGNED TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER BUT -- AT WORK -- IT MAY BE CAUSING A DIVIDE. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH CHRIS MCREA, A REGIONAL VICE

PRESIDENT AT ROBERT HALF TECHNOLOGY; HIS COMPANY RECENTLY CONDUCTED A SURVEY OF CIO'S AND IT SUGGESTS THE HIGHER USE OF GADGETS LIKE CELL PHONES AND TABLETS HAVE LED TO MORE BREACHES IN WORKPLACE ETIQUETTE OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS. AC

MAY 16 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-MARGO KNIGHT METZGER-N.C. DIVISION OF TOURISM,FILM, AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT-BLUE GRASS FESTIVAL COMES TO NORTH CAROLINA-AC

MAY 17 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-STEPHEN KEARNEY TV TRIVIA NIGHT ON CLASSIC WESTERNS-AC

MAY 17 – THE PAST WEEKS HAVE OFFERED AT LEAST ONE BLOCKBUSTER MOVIE OPENING AND THIS WEEK IS NO EXCEPTION AS “STAR TREK – INTO DARKNESS” HITS THE BIG SCREEN. BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE TO KEVIN CARR FROM FATGUYSATTHEMOVIES.COM. AC

MAY 20 – STARTING TOMORROW ARE THE VALOR GAMES WHICH IS A SERIES OF COMPETITIVE EVENTS FOR ALL WOUNDED, ILL AND INJURED VETERANS AND ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS. ASHLEY THOMAS, DIRECTOR OF BRIDGE II SPORT, TALKS WITH BILL LUMAYE ABOUT THE GAMES, WHAT IT DOES FOR THE VETERANS AND WHAT YOU CAN DO TO BE A PART OF IT. AC

MAY 20 – LOSING A CHILD IS DEVASTATING ... AND WHEN A TRAGEDY LIKE THIS STRIKES ANY FAMILY, EVERYONE NEEDS TO FIND THE STRENGTH TO COPE. THIS WAS THE DISCUSSION WHEN WPTF'S BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED WITH DENNIS MANSFIELD ABOUT THE LOSS OF HIS SON TO DRUG ADDICTION, HIS FAITH AND THE MESSAGE IN HIS NEW BOOK, BEAUTIFUL NATE. AC

MAY 21 – IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS GENERATIONS -- WHEN KIDS PUT ON THEIR OUTDOOR PLAY CLOTHES, GOT DIRTY ... CLIMBED A TREE AND FOUND A PET LIZARD ... TODAY'S KIDS ARE STAYING INSIDE. TODAY'S GENERATION HAS CHOSE TO EMBRACE TECHNOLOGY AS THEIR SUMMER FUN AND STACY DEBROFF, THE FOUNDER OF MOM CENTRAL DOT COM, TELLS WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON HOW WE CAN ENCOURAGE TODAY'S "FUN DEFICIENT" KIDS TO GET OUTSIDE AND PLAY. AC

MAY 21 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-JASON MCCOON OF TORY HILL AUCTIONS-ON COLLECTIBLES,ANTIQUES,AUCTIONS.-AC

MAY 22 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW - GEORGANN EUBANKS-ON HER BOOK,"LITERARY TRAILS OF THE NORTH CAROLNA MOUNTAINS:A GUIDEBOOK"-AC

MAY 24 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-LISTENER PARTICIPATION TRIVIA NIGHT-AC

MAY 27 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-KENDRICK SIMPSON,MILITARY COLLECTION ARCHIVIST,N.C> ARCHIVES AND HISTORY-EFFOTS TO COLLECT MATERIALS FROM AND ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA VETS-AC

MAY 27 – MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND MEANS THE OFFICIAL BEGINNING OF OUTDOOR BARBECUING SEASON. IF YOU'RE IN THE MARKET FOR A NEW GRILL, THE QUESTION IS, "CHARCOAL" OR "PROPANE"? WPTF'S MIKE DAVIS POSED THAT QUESTION TO CHEF DAVID CRUSO OF THE CHEF'S ACADEMY IN MORRISVILLE. AC

MAY 27 – MEMORIAL DAY IS A DAY OFF AND A TIME TO HAVE A COOKOUT FOR MANY OF US, BUT IT IS MOST IMPORTANTLY A HOLIDAY MEANT TO REFLECT ON THE SACRIFICE OF THOSE THAT HAVE SERVED AND ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY. WPTF'S BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED WITH MAJOR MIKE LYONS TO FIND OUT HOW CURRENT SERVICE MEMBERS REFLECT ON MEMORIAL DAY. AC

MAY 27 – WE USE THE CLICHE TERM, "OFF THE BEATEN PATH," ALL TO OFTEN. BUT IT HAS TRUE MEANING, AND ONE OF THE PLACES WHERE YOU CAN FIND THAT MEANING IS IN OUR NATIONAL PARKS. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE HIDDEN TREASURES FOUND IN OUR PARKS WITH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ADVENTURE MAGAZINE EDITOR AT LARGE, ROBERT EARLE HOWELLS -- CO-AUTHOR OF A NEW BOOK -- SECRETS OF THE NATIONAL PARKS. AC

MAY 27 – WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE SUCCESS OF THE DURHAM PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THERE WAS ONCE A PUBLIC OUTCRY ABOUT BUILDING IT. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED TO JASON DEBRUIN FROM THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL ABOUT WHAT THE CITY DID TO HELP MAKE DPAC A HIT. AC

MAY 28 – THE UNITED SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS-- OR THE U.S.O.-- HAS SPENT YEARS SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES. MEMORIAL DAY KICKED OFF THEIR HONOR, SALUTE AND CELEBRATE CAMPAIGN FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS. KENN TIGGES, A U.S.O.-NC VOLUNTEER, RET. COLONEL, TALKS WITH BILL LUMAYE HOW THE U.S.O. HELPS ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY. AC

MAY 28 – SPRING IS IN THE AIR, AND IT'S SYNONYMOUS WITH WEDDING SEASON ... JUST ABOUT EVERY BUDDING BRIDE-TO-BE HAS BEEN PLANNING HER WEDDING IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER SINCE SHE WAS A TEENAGER, BUT PLANNING A REAL WEDDING IS MUCH DIFFERENT THAT SAVING MAGAZINE CLIPPINGS IN A SCRAP BOOK ... AND SOMETIMES PRESENT WITH DOWNRIGHT DAUNTING CHALLENGES.WPTF'S MARLA ROTH SPOKE WITH JANICE CUTLER -- OWNER OF NORTH RALEIGH FLORIST -- WHO OFFERED SOME ADVICE ... NATURALLY ... ON THE FLOWERS. AC

MAY 28 – ONE MAN SAYS HE HAS PROOF THAT SOME SACRED GROUND AT THE FORT BRAGG CEMETERY IS NOT BEING KEPT UP, AND HE WANTS ACTION. WTVD TV'S GREG BARNES REPORTS. AC

MAY 29 – JUST THIS PAST MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, THE NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY KICKED OFF IT'S 2013 SUMMERFEST SERIES AT CARY'S BOOTH AMPHITHEATER. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SAT DOWN WITH THE SYMPHONY'S JOE NEWBERRY TO TALK ABOUT THE SUMMERFEST CALENDAR, AND SOME OF THE OTHER NOTABLE SHOWS THAT THE SYMPHONY WILL SOON PERFORM. AC

MAY 29 – FOR YEARS MANY PEOPLE HAVE TRIED TO "GO PAPERLESS" AND NOW A NEW TABLET FROM SAMSUNG MAY BE THE SOLUTION FOR MANY. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS A PREVIEW FROM TREND AND TECH GURU AND MEN'S HEALTH EDITOR GREGG STEBBEN. AC

MAY 29 – EVERYONE IS HEADING TO THEME PARKS FOR THE SUMMER AND WHAT THE ATTRACTION THAT HAS EVERYONE WAITING IN LINE? THE ROLLER COASTER. ACCORDING TO PETE TRABUCCO, AUTHOR OF "AMERICA'S TOP ROLLER COASTERS AND AMUSEMENT PARKS" SOME OF THE COUNTRY'S BEST ROLLER COASTERS ARE RIGHT HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA. HE TALKS WITH BILL LUMAYE ABOUT SOME OF THE COASTERS THAT MADE HIS LIST AND WHAT IS HIS FAVORITE TO RIDE. AC

MAY 29 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-RICK ATKINSON,PULITZER PRIZE WINNING HISTORIAN ON HIS NEW BOOK "THE GUNS AT LAST LIGHT:THE WAR IN EUROPE,1944-1945"-AC

MAY 30 – SOME OF US LIKE TO THINK WE'VE GOT A RECIPE OR TWO THAT COULD WIN AWARDS. WELL, TUFFY "THE PROFESSOR" STONE HAS WON PLENTY OF AWARDS WITH HIS BARBECUE RECIPES AND -- THIS SUNDAY -- HE'S RETURNING AS A JUDGE ON TLC'S BARBECUE PITMASTERS. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH TALKED WITH TUFFY ABOUT HIS TAKE ON CAROLINA BARBECUE, AND SOME OF THE PLACES HE'LL TAKE US THIS SEASON ... ONE OF WHICH INCLUDES A STOP IN NORTH CAROLINA. AC

MAY 31 – FORMER TRIANGLE AREA SPORTSCASTER DWAYNE BALLEEN WAS INTERVIEWED BY KATIE COURIC ABOUT HIS BOOK CHRONICLING THE EXPERIENCES WITH HIS AUTISTIC SON... BUT, BEFORE HE TALKED TO KATIE HE TALKED WITH OUR GAYLE HURD -- IN AN INTERVIEW FIRST AIRED ON ST. AUGUSTINE'S RADIO STATION WAUG -- ABOUT HIS BOOK. AC

MAY 31 – THINKING OF HEADING TO MOVIES THIS WEEKEND? BRIAN FREEMAN GOT KEVIN CARR'S REVIEW OF EACH OF THE NEW OFFERINGS, INCLUDING "AFTER EARTH" WITH WILL SMITH. AC

MAY 31 – A PIRATE HEAD, A WINE BOTTLE, AND A CANNONBALL. WHAT DO THEY ALL HAVE IN COMMON? THEY'LL ALL BE ON DISPLAY AS A PART OF "BLACKBEARD'S QUEEN ANNE'S REVENGE, 1718", A NEW EXHIBIT THAT WILL BEGIN ITS STATEWIDE TOUR SATURDAY IN ASHEVILLE. WPTF'S BRUCE FERRELL HAD A CONVERSATION WITH NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES' FAE MITCHELL TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE EXHIBIT. AC

MAY 31 – THE NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY HAS KICKED OFF IT'S 2013 SUMMERFEST SERIES AT CARY'S BOOTH AMPHITHEATER -- AND WITH A SHOW COMING UP THIS WEEKEND -- WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SAT DOWN WITH THE SYMPHONY'S JOE NEWBERRY TO TALK ABOUT THE SUMMERFEST CALENDAR, AND SOME OF THE OTHER NOTABLE SHOWS THAT THE SYMPHONY WILL SOON PERFORM. AC

MAY 31 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-TRIVIA NIGHT,STEPHEN KEARNEY AS GUEST ON "WESTERN MOVIES"-AC

JUNE 3 – A RALEIGH MAN WAS WORKING AT A SOFTBALL STADIUM IN OKLAHOMA WHEN TORNADOES TOUCHED DOWN IN THE AREA. WTVB'S HEATHER WALIGA REPORTS. AC

JUNE 3 – A FIRST FOR DURHAM CO SCHOOLS RECENTLY... A SENIOR WHO IS BATTLING A SERIOUS ILLNESS COULD NOT ATTEND HER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, SO THE POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE IS BEING BROUGHT TO HER... SHEYANNE RODRIQUEZ FROM WTVB TV HAS THIS HEART WARMING STORY FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER. AC

JUNE 5 – NORTH CAROLINA IS HOME TO THE INTERNATIONAL THRILLER 'HOMELAND' AND TODAY (TUES) THE SHOW WRAPPED UP A TWO-DAY SHOOT IN DOWNTOWN RALEIGH... PATRICK JOHNSON WAS THERE. AC

JUNE 6 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-LISTENER PARTICIPATION-THE "CIGARETTE CULTURE" OF MID TWENTIETH CENTURY AMERICA-AC

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JUNE 7 – HOMELAND WAS FILMING IN RALEIGH THIS WEEK, USING BUILDINGS AND LOCATIONS AROUND THE CITY OF OAKS AS THE BACKDROP FOR SCENES THAT WILL BE PART OF SEASON THREE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL THRILLER AND EMMY AWARD WINNING SERIES. BUT THE BIG PRODUCTION COMPANIES COMING TO OUR STATE COULD BECOME A THING WE SEE LESS AND LESS. PATRICK JOHNSON IS IN DOWNTOWN RALEIGH. AC

JUNE 7 – THINKING OF HEADING TO MOVIES THIS WEEKEND? BRIAN FREEMAN GOT KEVIN CARR'S REVIEW OF EACH OF THE NEW OFFERINGS. AC

JUNE 7 – IT'S TIME FOR FRIDAY'S WITH FAYE -- AND THERE'S A FULL SLATE OF ACTIVITIES ON THIS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF SECOND SATURDAYS -- BRUCE FERRELL FOUND OUT FROM SPOKESPERSON FAYE MITCHELL ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE WEST. AC

JUNE 7 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-TRIVIA NIGHT-"NAME THAT SONG"-AC

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JUNE 10 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-JOE NEWBERRY DISCUSSES THE NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY'S HISTORY AND PROGRAMS- AC

JUNE 11 – THIS YEAR IS SUPERMAN'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY. TO CELEBRATE, HUSBAND-WIFE TEAM DIRECTOR ZACK SNYDER AND PRODUCER DEBORAH SNYDER CREATED THE NEW MOVIE "MAN OF STEEL." THEY TALK WITH CBS THIS MORNING ANCHOR GAYLE KING ABOUT WHY THEIR MOVIE TELLS A DIFFERENT STORY OF THIS "STRANGE VISITOR FROM ANOTHER PLANET."AC

JUNE 11 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DOUG MATTOX, MATTOX COINS AND STAMPS -ON NUMISMATICS AND PHILATELY- AC

JUNE 12 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-FRED C. FUSSELL ON HIS NEW BOOK,"BLUE RIDGE MUSIC TRAILS OF NORTH CAROLINA"- AC

JUNE 13 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW--BOY SCOUT LEADERS (AND MARINE VETS) JERRY JESTER AND HANK DEGRUY DISCUSS FLAG ETIQUETTE- AC

JUNE 13 – IBM GOES SMALLER, APPLE GETS A FACELIFT AND ESPN SAYS REALISTIC 3-D PROGRAMMING IS ... UNREALISTIC. JOSH ZACH HAS THE BITS AND BITES IN TODAY'S INSTALLMENT OF TECH TALK. AC

JUNE 13 – THE HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF AMERICA IS IMPORTANT TO BE REMEMBERED, ESPECIALLY FOR THE YOUTH OF TODAY. DOUG KELLETT, OF THE MORNING DRIVE, TALKS WITH HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR OF "ILLUSTRATED GETTYSBURG'S READER: AN EYEWITNESS HISTORY OF THE CIVIL WAR'S GREATEST BATTLE", ROB GRAGG ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR COUNTRY'S HISTORY. AC

JUNE 14 – IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO IN NORTH CAROLINA THIS WEEKEND, IT MAY BE A GOOD IDEA TO HEAD TOWARDS THE COAST, WHERE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE A NUMBER BROADWAY FAVORITES. WPTF'S BRUCE FERRELL SPOKE WITH FAYE MITCHELL OF THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES ABOUT THESE PERFORMANCES, AS WELL AS SOME OF NORTH CAROLINA'S OTHER WEEKEND'S FESTIVITIES. AC

JUNE 14 – THINKING OF HEADING TO MOVIES THIS WEEKEND? SUPERMAN SEEMS TO TOP THE LIST OF MUST SEE MOVIES. BRIAN FREEMAN GOT KEVIN CARR'S REVIEW OF EACH OF THE NEW OFFERINGS. AC

JUNE 14 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-PART 2 OF WESTERN MOVIE TRIVIA NIGHT- AC

JUNE 17 – THE 2013-14 SUNTRUST BROADWAY SERIES AT THE DURHAM PERFORMING ARTS CENTER HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED. IN OUR CONTINUING BROADWAY SERIES, BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE TO BROADWAY PRODUCER CAROL FINEMAN, WITH SCOTT SANDERS PRODUCTIONS, ABOUT TIM RICE AND ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S TONY AWARD WINNING MUSICAL EVITA, WHICH COMES TO DPAC MARCH 11TH THROUGH 16TH. AC

JUNE 18 – NASA HAS DEVELOPED A HUMANOID ROBOT FOR USE IN SPACE, AND THEY'RE WORKING WITH A TRIANGLE CONSULTING FIRM TO SEE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PUTTING THE TECHNOLOGY IN USE ON THE 3RD ROCK FROM THE SUN. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH LAURA SCHOPPE (SOUNDS LIKE SHOPPY) PRESIDENT OF THE CONSULTING

FIRM, FUEN TEK (FWEN-TECH), AND NASA ASTRONAUT DAVID LEESTMA, TO DISCUSS ROBONAUT 2, AND HOW THE PUBLIC CAN SEE HIM IN ACTION. AC

JUNE 18 – ONE THE FAVORITES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AT DPAC'S SUNTRUST BROADWAY SERIES, MUST BE THE CLASSIC MUSICAL "HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS!" BRIAN FREEMAN GETS THE BEHIND THE SCENES STORY FROM THE SHOWS COMPOSER AND THE GUY EVERYONE LOVES TO HATE. AC

JUNE 19 – NASA HAS DEVELOPED A HUMANOID ROBOT FOR USE IN SPACE, AND THEY'RE WORKING WITH A TRIANGLE CONSULTING FIRM TO SEE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PUTTING THE TECHNOLOGY IN USE ON EARTH. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH LAURA SCHOPPE (SOUNDS LIKE SHOPPY) PRESIDENT OF THE CONSULTING FIRM, FUEN TEK (FWEN-TECH), AND NASA ASTRONAUT DAVID LEESTMA, LEARN ALL ABOUT ROBONAUT 2. AC

JUNE 19 – IF YOU LOVE YOUR IPAD AND STILL HAVE A COMPUTER, THEN YOU MAY REALLY LIKE THE NEW AND CHEAP CHROMEBOOK. BRIAN FREEMAN GO A PREVIEW OF THIS NEW DEVICE FROM TREND AND TECH GURU GREG STEBBEN. AC

JUNE 19 – REPORTERS ROUNDUP – BRIAN FREEMAN AND PATRICK JOHNSON DISCUSS THE TORNADO THAT MAY HAVE STRUCK FRANKLIN COUNTY LASTNIGHT AND ALSO LOOK AT THE LONGEVITY OF CBS' 60 MINUTES. AC

JUNE 19 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-GEORGANN EUBANKS ON HER BOOK,"LITERARY TRAILS OF PIEDMONT NORTH CAROLINA:A GUIDEBOOK"- AC

JUNE 20 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-KEVIN DUFFUS ON HIS BOOK "WAR ZONE" ABOUT SUBMARINE ATTACKS ON THE N.C. COAST- AC

JUNE 20 – SUMMER BEGINS TOMORROW AND ALREADY MANY FAMILIES HAVE HIT THE HIGHWAYS AND SKIES TO HEAD TO THEIR FAVORITE VACATION SPOTS. BUT HOW CAN FAMILIES BEST PLAN EXCITING TRIPS THAT STAY WITHIN THEIR BUDGET? BRIAN FREEMAN GETS SOME TIPS FROM NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TRAVEL AND LIFESTYLE JOURNALIST AMY TARA KOCH. AC

JUNE 21 – A LOCAL MAN WHO WAS STRUCK BY A TREE DURING A STORM LAST WEEK IS STARTING HIS RECOVERY WITH A SMILE. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE HAS THE STORY FOR US. AC

JUNE 21 – IT'S HARD TO GET BACK UP ON YOUR FEET AFTER TRAGEDY STRIKES -- THE LIST OF NEEDS CAN OFTEN FEEL ENDLESS, BUT TWO WOMEN IN RALEIGH ARE TRYING TO HELP. BY USING FURNITURE AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD ITEMS GIVEN, DONATED BY GENEROUS NORTH CAROLINIANS, JACKIE CRAIG TELLS WPTF'S MARLA ROTH THAT THE GREEN CHAIR PROJECT IS REUSING FURNITURE TO RENEW LIVES. AC

JUNE 21 – HOW WILL THE 68TH GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA, JAMES HOLSHOUSER, BE REMEMBERED? BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNED FROM SGRTODAY.COM'S BARLOW HERGET THAT IT MAY BE THE FORMER GOVERNOR'S WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE. AC

JUNE 21 – THINKING OF HEADING TO MOVIES THIS WEEKEND? BRIAN FREEMAN GOT KEVIN CARR'S REVIEW OF EACH OF THE NEW OFFERINGS, INLCUDING WORLD WAR "Z" AND MONSTER'S UNIVERSITY. AC

JUNE 21 – THE 2013-14 SUNTRUST BROADWAY SERIES AT THE DURHAM PERFORMING ARTS CENTER HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED. IN OUR CONTINUING BROADWAY SERIES INTERVIEWS, BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE TO NICK SCAN-DAY-LEE-US THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE

NEDERLANDER ORGANIZATION WHICH IS ONE OF THE LARGEST OWNERS OF LEGITIMATE THEATRES IN THE WORLD. AC

JUNE 21 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-TRIVIA NIGHT -LISTENERS IDENTIFY MUSIC TRIVIA- AC

JUNE 24 – NORTH CAROLINA NATIVE SCOTTY MCCREERY BECAME AN OVERNIGHT SENSATION WITH HIS AMERICAN IDOL CROWN. CURRENTLY, HE'S WORKING ON A NEW ALBUM, HE'S A PITCHMAN FOR BOJANGLES AND ON THE 4TH OF JULY HE'S PERFORMING IN WASHINGTON DC FOR AMERICA'S NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION. BUT SCOTTY IS ALSO BASEBALL GUY ... AND SEEING THAT HE'S A STUDENT AT NC STATE ... WPTF'S JOSH ZACH CAUGHT UP WITH MCCREERY TO TALK ABOUT NC STATE'S RUN IN THE COLLEGE WORLD SERIES, WHICH CAME TO AN END THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE HANDS OF RIVAL NORTH CAROLINA. AC

JUNE 24 – FORMER GOVERNOR JIM HOLSHOUSER WAS LAID TO REST FRIDAY IN SOUTHERN PINES AT THE CHURCH HE ATTENDED FOR 35 YEARS. STEPHANIE HAWCO REPORTS ON HOW THE BELOVED GOVERNOR'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS PAID THEIR RESPECTS. AC

JUNE 24 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW - LISTENER PARTICIPATION - "THINGS THAT HAVE CHANGED"- BEERS OF YESTERYEAR AC

JUNE 25 – JOHNA ALEXANDRIA EDMONDS WAS CROWNED SATURDAY AT MISS NORTH CAROLINA SHE IS A REIGNING MISS JOHNSTON COUNTY. BUT, EARLIER THIS YEAR BEFORE AS SHE WAS PURSUING THE CROWN THE NC STATE ACCOUNTING GRADUATE -- WHO IS NOW PERUSING A MASTERS IN ACCOUNTING AT STATE -- TALKED WITH BRUCE FERRELL ABOUT HER GOALS. AC

CD - Crime/Drugs

APRIL 1 – A WAKE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS READY TO PROSECUTE ALLEGED GAMBLING AFTER A SUPREME COURT RULING. SO STARTING TODAY WAKE COUNTY WILL BEGIN CRACKING DOWN ON SWEEPSTAKE INTERNET OPERATIONS. WTVD TV'S ED CRUMP REPORTS. CD

APRIL 1 – GUN CONTROL CONTINUES TO BE A CONTENTIOUS DEBATE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. NOW THAT AN ASSAULT WEAPON BAN IS NO LONGER PART OF LEGISLATION BEING CONSIDERED BY LAWMAKERS, BACKGROUND CHECKS HAVE MOVED TO THE FOREFRONT OF THE DEBATE. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH MARK GLAZE- THE DIRECTOR OF MAYORS AGAINST ILLEGAL GUNS- ABOUT HOW A NEW MAP IN NORTH CAROLINA IMPACTS THOSE TALKS, AND WHAT THE PROPOSED BACKGROUND CHECKS WILL INVOLVE. CD

APRIL 2 – THREE CRIMES HAVE HAPPENED OVER TWO DAYS NEAR TWO COLLEGE CAMPUSES AND NOW BOTH COMMUNITIES ARE ON ALERT. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS FROM CHAPEL HILL. CD

APRIL 3 – A HOUSEKEEPER AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL WON A MAJOR VICTORY IN HER SEXUAL HARASSMENT CLAIM. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS. CD

APRIL 4 – SEARCH WARRANTS HAVE REVEALED NEW DETAILS ABOUT A FIRE IN A CULVERT THAT SHUT DOWN A SECTION OF CARY PARKWAY. TURNS OUT IT MIGHT ALL STARTED AS A PRANK. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. CD

APRIL 4 – SEVERAL LAWMAKERS -- WITH SUPPORT FROM MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING -- ARE PUSHING FOR A LAW THAT WOULD REQUIRE MORE DRUNK DRIVING OFFENDERS TO HAVE BREATHALYSER DEVICES ON THEIR CARS THAT WOULD PREVENT THEM FROM STARTING IF THE DRIVER HAS HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK .. AT A LEGISLATIVE BUILDING PRESS

CONFERENCE, ERNESTINE ATKINS -- WHO LOST HER ONLY DAUGHTER TO A DRUNK DRIVER -- TOLD HER FAMILY'S TRAGIC STORY AND PLEADED FOR THE CHANGE. CD

APRIL 5 -- FAMILY OF VICTIMS IN THE SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SHOOTING STOOD BY THEIR GOVERNOR AS HE SIGNED INTO LAW TOUGH NEW RESTRICTIONS ON WEAPONS. THE LEGISLATION IS BEING CALLED ONE OF THE TOUGHEST IN THE NATION. HOWEVER, NOT EVERYONE THINKS LIVES WILL BE SAVED BECAUSE OF IT. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. CD

APRIL 8 -- THE JOHNSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS TWO MEN ARE DEAD IN A SHOOTING NEAR SMITHFIELD. THE INVESTIGATION IS STILL GOING UNDERWAY, BUT FAMILY MEMBERS SAY THAT LUCAS BENTON WAS THE PERSON MURDERED. WTVD TV'S ELAINA ATHENS REPORTS. CD

APRIL 8 -- A MEMORIAL WAS HELD THURSDAY AT A SUBURBAN DALLAS CHURCH FOR KAUFMAN COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY MIKE MCCLELLAND. HE SERVED IN THE SAME COUNTY WHERE ANOTHER PROSECUTOR WAS SHOT DEAD EARLIER THIS YEAR. RICK MARTINEZ TALKED WITH WAKE COUNTY'S PROSECUTOR COLON WILLOUGHBY FOR HIS REACTION -- AND THOUGHTS ABOUT THE INHERENT RISKS OF BEING PART OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. CD

APRIL 8 -- THE BODIES WERE RECOVERED FROM THE HOLE THAT OFFICIALS SAID WAS 24 FEET DEEP, ACCORDING TO W-S-O-C T-V... THE TWO BECAME TRAPPED BELOW A HOUSE THAT WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AFTER PART OF THE BUILDING COLLAPSED... THE INCIDENT HAPPENED AROUND SIX SUNDAY EVENING IN STANLEY. A FATHER OF ONE OF THE CHILDREN CALLED 9-1-1... OFFICIALS SAID THE CHILDREN WERE IN THE HOLE ATTEMPTING TO RETRIEVE A TOY PICKAXE. CD

APRIL 9 -- THERE WAS A MAJOR TWIST MONDAY IN THE TRIAL FOR THE MAN ACCUSED IN ONE OF THE MOST NOTORIOUS MURDERS IN THE STATE. JURY SELECTION GOT UNDERWAY MONDAY MORNING FOR THE SHANIYA DAVIS MURDER, BUT THE TRIAL COULD BE OVER BY TODAY. WTVD TV'S GREG BARNES REPORTS ON THE BARGAIN THE STATE OFFERED MCNEILL. CD

APRIL 10 -- A PROPOSAL THAT WOULD IMPROVE SECURITY IN NORTH CAROLINA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS WON UNANIMOUS APPROVAL IN THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY. STEPHANIE HAWCO REPORTS ON HOW THE SCHOOL SAFETY ACT WOULD PROTECT CHILDREN FROM TRAGEDIES LIKE THE ONE THAT UNFOLDED IN NEWTOWN. CD

APRIL 10 -- NEW LEGISLATION IS BEING INTRODUCED THAT WOULD REQUIRE BACKGROUND CHECKS ON THOSE SEEKING FEDERAL BENEFITS. NC REPRESENTATIVE DEAN ARP, THE BILL'S SPONSOR EXPLAINS TO BILL LUMAYE WHAT THE DETAILS OF THE BILL ARE AND WHAT IT MEANS TO THOSE WITH CRIMINAL BACKGROUNDS. CD

APRIL 10 -- LAST YEAR, THE IRS LAUNCHED A PILOT PROGRAM IN NINE STATES, DESIGNED TO HELP LAW ENFORCEMENT IN CASES OF IDENTITY THEFT. WITH THE RESULTS OF THE PROGRAM SHOWING PROMISE TOWARD HELPING LOCAL AUTHORITIES PURSUE I.D. THEFT CASES, IRS SPOKESMAN DAN BOONE TELLS WPTF'S JOSH ZACH THAT THE PROGRAM IS NOW EXPANDED TO COVER ALL 50 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. CD

APRIL 10 -- PRELIMINARY CRIME DATA OUT OF THE FBI SHOWS THE NUMBER OF MURDERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN 2012 DROPPED, BUT IN NORTH CAROLINA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE KILLINGS DURING THE SAME TIME TICKED HIGHER. IN THE FIRST PART OF A TWO-PART CONVERSATION, NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER TELLS WPTF'S JOSH ZACH HE'S CONCERNED OVER THE 122 DOMESTIC DEATHS IN 2012. CD

APRIL 11 – THE IRS'S ANNUAL 'DIRTY DOZEN' LIST INCLUDES COMMON TAX SCAMS THAT OFTEN PEAK DURING THE TAX FILING SEASON. THE IRS RECOMMENDS THAT TAXPAYERS BE AWARE SO THEY CAN PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST CLAIMS THAT SOUND TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE. TAXPAYERS WHO BUY INTO ILLEGAL TAX SCAMS CAN END UP FACING SIGNIFICANT PENALTIES AND INTEREST AND EVEN CRIMINAL PROSECUTION. CD

APRIL 11 – POLICE IN DURHAM ARE LOOKING BEHIND THE TEENS WHO ARE SAID TO HAVE GOTTEN INTO AN ARGUMENT AND THEN OPENED FIRE AT A PARK YESTERDAY EVENING WHILE CHILDREN PLAYED. WTVD'S KELLI O'HARA IS AT THE PARK THIS MORNING. CD

APRIL 12 – OFFICIALS SAID 35 FELONS AND REPEAT OFFENDERS ARE OFF THE STREETS IN FAYETTEVILLE THANKS TO A JOINT TASK FORCE CALLED OPERATION SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS AND OPERATIONS CEASE FIRE. WTVD TV'S GREG BARNES REPORTS. CD

APRIL 15 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-LISTENER INPUT ON BOSTON BOMBING-CD

APRIL 17 – FAYETTEVILLE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING ANOTHER ALLEGED SEXUAL ASSAULT THAT HAPPENED SUNDAY NIGHT. THE SUSPECT COULD BE LINKED TO A SERIES OF RAPES AND BURGLARIES AROUND FAYETTEVILLE SINCE 2009. WTVD TV'S GREG BARNES REPORTS. CD

APRIL 17 – MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING IS RELEASING NEW DATA AHEAD OF ITS ANNUAL POWERTALK 21 DAY -- SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST -- AND THE STATISTICS MIGHT SURPRISE YOU. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH LARHONDA SCOTT, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MADD NORTH CAROLINA, TO DISCUSS THE NEW DATA AND THE MOTIVATION BEHIND POWERTALK 21. CD

APRIL 18 – ACCORDING TO A REPORT, POLICE USED A TASER STUN GUN "SEVERAL TIMES" WHILE ATTEMPTING TO SUBDUE A MAN LAST WEEK BEFORE HE STOPPED BREATHING AND HIS HEART STOPPED. WTPF'S RICK MARTINEZ GIVES THE DETAILS OF THE INCIDENT TO BRIAN FREEMAN. CD

APRIL 19 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-COVERAGE OF BOSTON BOMBING-CD

APRIL 22 – THE BOSTON MARATHON BOMBINGS HAS COMMUNITY LEADERS ELSEWHERE RETHINKING THEIR SAFETY PLANS FOR LARGE OUTDOOR EVENTS, RANGING FROM RUNNING RACES, TO PARADES AND STREET PARTIES. BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH RALEIGH'S CITY MANAGER RUSSELL ALLEN ABOUT HOW SUCH PREPARATIONS IN THE CAPITOL CITY. CD

APRIL 22 – THE SENATE'S DECISION NOT TO EXPAND BACKGROUND CHECKS ON ALL GUN SALES HAS ONCE AGAIN STIRRED THE DEBATE OVER GUN REGULATION. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH STEPHEN BARTON- A VICTIM OF THE AURORA, COLORADO MOVIE CINEMA SHOOTING- TO GET HIS STORY, HIS THOUGHTS ON THE SENATE'S VOTE, AND MORE INFO ON HOW NORTH CAROLINA'S SENATORS VOTED IN THE DEBATE. CD

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APRIL 23 - NEW DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BEEN UNCOVERED IN THE ROBBERY OF A BENTON SWEEPSTAKES PALOR. ANTHONY WILSON GAVE BRIAN FREEMAN THE DETAILS AS THE SEARCH CONTINUES FOR TWO OF THREE MEN WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROBBERY. CD

APRIL 24 – TUESDAY AFTERNOON A DRIVER OF A TRACTOR TRAILER HIT AND KILLED A STUDENT IN SAMPSON COUNTY WHILE SHE WAS CROSSING THE ROAD AFTER GETTING OFF A SCHOOL BUS. THE DRIVER HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND QUESTIONED. WTVD TV'S GREG BARNES REPORTS. CD

APRIL 24 – A RALEIGH WOMAN BRUTALLY STABBED AT HER HOME MONDAY EVENING HAS DIED. WPTF'S KERRI DAVIS REPORTS. CD

APRIL 25 – FORMER CONGRESSMAN BRAD MILLER IS SPEAKING OUT ABOUT THE MURDER OF JAMIE HAHN, AND THE TIE TO MISSING MONEY FROM HIS CAMPAIGN. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS. CD

APRIL 26 – NC STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A MAN WHO ALLEGEDLY SEXUALLY ASSAULTED A WOMAN NEAR THE CAMPUS FREE EXPRESSION TUNNEL EARLY THURSDAY MORNING. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. CD

APRIL 26 – THERE'S A CRIME ALERT IN DUNN FOR A WOMAN WHO MAYBE TRYING TO KIDNAP A YOUNG CHILD. POLICE SAY SHE APPROACHED A LITTLE BOY AND TOLD HIM SHE HAD CANDY INSIDE HER CAR. WTVD TV'S GREG BARNES REPORTS. CD

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APRIL 29 – A FIRE BROKE OUT AN APARTMENT COMPLEX NEAR N.C. STATE'S CAMPUS EARLY SATURDAY MORNING PUTTING 25 PEOPLE WITHOUT A HOME. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. CD

APRIL 29 – THE MURDER TRIAL OF RAVEN ABAROA IS FINALLY GETTING STARTED AFTER THE JUDGE DENIED A MOTION TO DISMISS THE CHARGE AGAINST HIM. WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON REPORTS. CD

APRIL 30 – A BILL THAT WOULD ALLOW GUNS ON CAMPUS IS CATCHING SOME HEAT. UNC SYSTEM TOM ROSS CALLS THE BILL "A POTENTIAL RISK TO PUBLIC SAFETY." WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS ON WHAT THE PUBLIC IS SAYING IN THIS DEBATE. CD

APRIL 30 – LAWYERS MADE THEIR OPENING STATEMENTS MONDAY IN THE CASE OF A DURHAM MAN, CHARGED WITH THE APRIL, 2005 STABBING DEATH OF HIS PREGNANT WIFE, WPTF'S BRUCE FERRELL AND STEPHANIE HAWCO DISCUSSED DAY ONE OF THE RAVEN ABAROA (ABBA-ROW-UH) TRIAL, AS THE FIRST WITNESSES FOR THE PROSECUTION TOOK THE STAND. CD

MAY 1 – POLICE IN FUQUAY-VARINA ARE INVESTIGATING A SHOOTING THAT LEFT ONE PERSON DEAD TUESDAY AFTERNOON. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. CD

MAY 1 – THE MAN ACCUSED OF STABBING DEMOCRATIC ACTIVIST JAMIE HAHN HAS HAD HIS CHARGES UPGRADED TO MURDER. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS. CD

MAY 3 – THE JOHNSTON COUNTY EAGLE SCOUT WHO WAS EXPELLED FROM PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL FOR ACCIDENTALLY BRINGING A SHOTGUN ON CAMPUS WAS OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND AN ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL SO HE CAN GRADUATE THURSDAY. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS THE STORY. CD

MAY 3 – GUNS IN SCHOOLS ARE A NO-NO AND IN JOHNSTON COUNTY, EVEN WHEN A STUDENT MISTAKENLY LEAVES A GUN A CAR AND TELLS A TEACHER ABOUT THE MISTAKE...TROUBLE ENSUES? BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED ABOUT THE ISSUE WITH BARLOW HERGET FROM SGRTODAY.COM. CD

MAY 3 – IN JUST A FEW HOURS, A FORMER RALEIGH POLITICAL CANDIDATE AND BUSINESSWOMAN -- CAROLYN GRANT -- WILL LEARN HER FATE IN CONNECTION WITH A REAL-ESTATE INVESTMENT SCAM... WTVD TV'S SHEYANNE RODRIGUEZ IS AT THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE DOWNTOWN. CD

MAY 6 – THE MAN WANTED IN AN ALLEGED SEXUAL ASSAULT AT NC STATE TURNED HIMSELF INTO AUTHORITIES SUNDAY EVENING, ACCORDING TO POLICE. WTVD TV'S ALENA ATHENS REPORTS. CD

MAY 7 – MORE THAN TWO DOZEN MEMBERS OF THE NAACP AND OTHER ACTIVISTS WERE ARRESTED MONDAY AS PART OF CONTINUING PROTESTS OF REPUBLICAN POLICIES IN THE STATE CAPITAL. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE BRINGS US THE STORY. CD

MAY 7 – A CRIMINAL PAST HAS COME BACK TO HAUNT A MURDER SUSPECT ON TRIAL FOR KILLING FOR HIS WIFE. WTVD TV'S TAMARA GIBBS REPORTS. CD

MAY 8 – PROSECUTORS TRIED TO PAINT A PICTURE OF A MAN WHO WANTED OUT OF HIS MARRIAGE AS THEY PUT WOMEN ON THE STAND TUESDAY WHO CLAIMED RAVEN ABAROA FLIRTED WITH THEM. WTVD TV'S TAMARA GIBBS REPORTS. CD

MAY 9 – THE CLEVELAND CAPTIVES ARE FREE BUT NOT SO THE SUSPECT WHO APPEARED IN COURT THIS MORNING. WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE CAPTIVES? PLUS, THE FIRST MURDER IN CARY IN NEARLY TWO YEARS HAS BEEN REPORTED. BRIAN FREEMAN DISCUSSES THESE TOPICS WITH PATRICK JOHNSON IN TODAY'S REPORTERS ROUNDUP. CD

MAY 10 – THE PROSECUTION CONTINUES TO LAY DOWN ITS CASE AGAINST RAVEN ABAROA, WHO IS CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF HIS WIFE JANET.. WTVD'S TAMARA GIBBS AT DURHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE SAYS THE JURY HEARD FROM A FAMILY MEMBER. CD

MAY 10 – AS WE LEARN MORE ABOUT CARY'S FIRST MURDER IN ALMOST TWO YEARS .. NEIGHBORS SAY THEY ARE SURPRISED AT WHAT HAPPENED IN A NORMALLY QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD.. HEATHER WALIGA OF WTVD PICKS UP THE STORY. CD

MAY 13 – A FAMILY OUTING TURNED TO TRAGEDY WHEN A GRANDFATHER DISAPPEARED UNDER THE WATER AT JORDAN LAKE. IT WENT FROM A RESCUE MISSION TO A RECOVERY MISSION AFTER HOURS OF SEARCHING. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. CD

MAY 13 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DAVID KIRKMAN AND DAVID FOX-CONSUMER PROTECTON DIVISION,N.C.ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OFFICE- SENIOR CONSUMER FRAUD AND OTHER TOPICS-CD

MAY 14 – WHEN THE THREE WOMEN WERE RESCUED IN CLEVELAND, THE WORLD REJOICED. HOWEVER, TROY DUNN, THE TV HOST OF "THE LOCATOR", TELLS BILL LUMAYE THIS ISSUE IS NOT JUST IN CLEVELAND BUT IN EVERY PART OF THE U.S. AND IF WE SENSE SOMETHING ODD WE SHOULD REPORT IT. CD

MAY 15 – AUTHORITIES IN RALEIGH ARE INVESTIGATING THE MURDER OF A WOMAN WHOSE BODY WAS FOUND BY HER EIGHT YEAR OLD DAUGHTER ON TUESDAY MORNING. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS THE STORY. CD

MAY 15 – TENSION IS MOUNTING INSIDE THE FAYETTEVILLE COURTROOM WHERE MARIO MCNEILL IS ON TRIAL FOR THE MURDER OF FIVE-YEAR-OLD SHANIYA DAVIS. THOSE TENSIONS LED TO A COURTROOM EXCHANGE BETWEEN MCNEILL AND A CUMBERLAND COUNTY JUDGE REGARDING POLICE INTERROGATION TAPES. WTVD TV'S GREG BARNES REPORTS. CD

MAY 16 – RALEIGH POLICE ARE UNSURE IF THE WOMAN FOUND DEAD TUESDAY MORNING BY HER YOUNG DAUGHTER WAS PART OF A RANDOM ATTACK OR NOT. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. CD

MAY 17 – MORE EVIDENCE HAS BEEN DISCOVERED TODAY AT THE TRIAL OF RAVEN ABAROA, WHO CHARGED WITH KILLING HIS WIFE JANET.. TAMARA GIBBS HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THE CASE FOR WTVD-TV AT THE DURHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE. CD

MAY 17 – THE STORY OF COLE WINTHOW, THE JOHNSTON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO WAS EXPELLED FROM SCHOOL AFTER REPORTEDLY ACCIDENTALLY HAVING A SHOTGUN IN HIS PICKUP TRUCK, HAS TAKEN AN UNEXPECTED TURN, AS WE HEAR IN THIS REPORT FROM JESSICA ALVAREZ OF WTVD –TV. CD

MAY 17 – AFTER TWO RECENT PURSE SNATCHING NEAR THE RENAISSANCE SHOPPING CENTER IN DURHAM, PEOPLE ARE MORE UNNERVED AND CAUTIOUS. WTVD TV'S FRESH SHROPSHIRE REPORTS. CD

MAY 20 – DURHAM POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR THE DRIVER WHO HIT A FOUR-YEAR-OLD GIRL IN DURHAM AND THEN SPED OFF. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. CD

MAY 27 – RALEIGH POLICE HAVE ARRESTED AN ENLOE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IN CONNECTION WITH TWO BREAK-INS AT THE SAME GUN STORE THIS MONTH. WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON REPORTS. CD

MAY 28 – CONVICTED OF MURDERING AND SEXUALLY ASSAULTING A FIVE YEAR OLD GIRL AND TODAY, JURORS WILL CONSIDER THE FATE OF MARIO MCNEILL IN A CUMBERLAND COUNTY COURTROOM... WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON REPORTS. CD

MAY 29 – IN A SURPRISING DEVELOPMENT, MARIO MCNEILL REFUSED TO ALLOW HIS ATTORNEYS TO CALL ANY WITNESSES WHO MIGHT KEEP HIM OFF DEATH ROW. ALSO ON TUESDAY, AN EMOTIONAL PLEA FROM THE FATHER OF MCNEILL'S VICTIM -- SHANIYA DAVIS... WTVD TV'S NICOLE CARR IS IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY. CD

MAY 30 – JURORS IN THE MARIO MCNEILL MURDER TRIAL QUICKLY DECIDED WEDNESDAY THAT HE SHOULD BE SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR THE MURDER OF 5-YEAR-OLD SHANIYA DAVIS. WTVD'S GREG BARNES REPORTS. CD

MAY 30 – A NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE PANEL ENDORSED A BILL WEDNESDAY THAT REPEALS A PROCEDURE FOR CONDEMNED INMATES TO CHALLENGE DEATH SENTENCES ON RACIAL GROUNDS, SENDING THE MEASURE TO THE FULL HOUSE FOR FINAL PASSAGE. WTVD TV'S

ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS THAT THIS MEASURE COULD DECIDE WHEN MARIO MCNEILL COULD SEE HIS DEATH SENTENCE CARRIED OUT. CD

MAY 30 – NEW THIS MORNING, A WOMAN IS FACING CHARGES IN A WRECK THAT KILLED A TODDLER IN SELMA... WTVD TV'S SHEYANNE RODRIQUEZ IS AT WAKEMED... SHEYANNE, GOOD MORNING. CD

JUNE 3 – MORE THAN A MONTH AFTER BEING DELAYED, LAURENCE LOVETTE IS EXPECTED TO LEARN HIS NEW PUNISHMENT FOR THE DEATH OF UNC STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT EVE CARSON. WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON HAS MORE. CD

JUNE 4 – WHILE LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE APPLAUDING A DIVIDED SUPREME COURT RULING THAT ALLOWS LAW ENFORCEMENT TO ROUTINELY TAKE DNA SAMPLES FROM PEOPLE THEY ARREST, THE DECISION IS COMING UNDER FIRE FROM THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH CHRIS BROOKE, LEGAL DIRECTOR FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE ACLU, WHO SAYS THE RULING IS A BLOW TO GENETIC PRIVACY. CD

JUNE 4 – WARRANTS RELEASED IN THE MURDER OF A MOTHER IN NORTH HILLS LAST MONTH REVEAL HOW THE SUSPECTS IN HER DEATH MAY HAVE BEEN CAPTURED. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE BEGINS THIS STORY. CD

JUNE 4 – UNIQUE CLOTHING COULD BE A FASHION STATEMENT THAT MAKE YOU STAND OUT FROM THE REST OF THE CROWD. AND CARY POLICE ARE BANKING ON EXACTLY THAT IN HOPES OF CATCHING TWO UNIQUELY DRESSED SUSPECTS WHO KNOCKED OFF AN AREA BANK MONDAY MORNING. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH TALKED TO CAPTAIN DON HAMILTON OF CARY PD'S CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION TO GET THE FACTS OF THE CASE. CD

JUNE 5 – A POLICE CHASE LED TO AN EVACUATION AND A SEARCH OF A WALMART IN RALEIGH. TWO TEENS WERE ARRESTED AND TWO MORE SUSPECTS ARE AT LARGE. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE HAS THE STORY FOR US. CD

JUNE 5 – A NORTH CAROLINA MAN BILKED CAR LOVERS OF MORE THAN TWO MILLION AND, AS A RESULT, STATE AUTHORITIES HAVE PUT A FREEZE ON HIS BUSINESS AND PUT OUT A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST. ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER TELLS WPTF'S JOSH ZACH THAT THE PONTIAC TRANS AM -- MADE POPULAR BY THE 1977 HIT MOVIE SMOKEY AND THE BANDIT -- WAS AT THE HEART OF THIS SCHEME. CD

JUNE 5 – GUN CONTROL IS STILL A HOT TOPIC IN THIS COUNTRY AND THE ISSUE CONTINUES TO SPARK UP AFTER GUN-RELATED CRIMES TAKE PLACE. HOWEVER, AS MARK WALTERS, A MEMBER OF THE U.S. CONCEALED CARRY ASSOCIATION, TELLS BILL LUMAYE THE MAJORITY OF THE GUN CRIMES THAT ARE COMMITTED IN THIS COUNTRY ARE DONE BY GANG MEMBERS AND GUN CONTROL IS NOT THE SOLUTION. CD

JUNE 5 – THE ACLU IS OUT WITH A NEW REPORT THAT SAYS AFRICAN-AMERICANS ARE 3 AND A HALF TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE ARRESTED FOR MARIJUANA POSSESSION THAN WHITES, DESPITE AN EQUAL RATE OF MARIJUANA USE. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED ABOUT IT WITH MIKE MENO FROM THE ACLU OF NORTH CAROLINA. CD

JUNE 6 – A WRECK INVOLVING A POLICE CRUISER CAUSED THE DEATHS OF TWO RIDING A SCOOTER EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE TELLS US THE STORY IS BEING TOLD FROM TWO SIDES. CD

JUNE 6 – RAVEN ABAROA HAS BEEN OFFERED A PLEA DEAL, BUT AS WTVD TV'S CHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ REPORTS THE COULD BE MOVED TO A DIFFERENT DATE. CD

JUNE 7 – A PLEA DEAL IS TURNED DOWN AND A NEW TRIAL DATE IS SET IN THE MURDER CASE AGAINST RAVEN ABAROA. WTVB'S TAMARA GIBBS BRINGS US THIS REPORT FROM DURHAM AND TELLS US ABOUT ABAROA'S STARTLING NEW APPEARANCE. CD

JUNE 10 – THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON WHO IS BEHIND ONE OF THE BIGGEST INTELLIGENCE LEAKS IN THE HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY HAS BEEN REVEALED. HIS NAME IS EDWARD SNOWDEN AND HE'S BEING COMPLETELY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT IN HIS WORDS THE US GOVERNMENT IS "DESTROYING PRIVACY AND BASIC LIBERTIES AROUND THE WORLD." BRIAN FREEMAN LOOKS AT THE POSSIBLE LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS WITH CBS LEGAL ANALYST ANDREW COHEN. CD

JUNE 11 – NORTH CAROLINA POLICE ARE POINTING TO CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING AS THE LIKELY REASON FOR THE DEATH OF AN 11-YEAR OLD BOY AND TWO OTHER GUESTS FOUND IN THE SAME MOTEL ROOM ALMOST TWO MONTHS AGO. AS WATA'S STEVE FRANK REPORTS THAT THE MOTEL HAD TOLD OF PROBLEMS PRIOR TO THE DEATHS. CD

JUNE 11 – JURY SELECTION IS UNDERWAY IN THE TRIAL OF GEORGE ZIMMERMAN. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS THE LATEST FROM CBS CORRESPONDANT PETER KING. CD

JUNE 17 – SUNDAY MORNING WHILE A MAN WAS A WALK WITH HIS DOG HE DISCOVERED A DEAD BODY. THE WAKE COUNTY DEPUTIES SAY THEY ARE TREATING IT AS A HOMICIDE. WTVB'S ALANA ATHENS HAS THE STORY FOR US. CD

JUNE 17 – IT'S NO SECRET THAT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES PLAGUE AMERICA. DOUG KELLETT OF THE MORNING DRIVE TALKS WITH SUSANNAH CHARLESTON, AUTHOR OF THE BOOK "POSSIBILITY DOGS", ABOUT A NEW ALTERNATIVE TO HELPING MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS CD

JUNE 17 – THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE CRIME LABORATORY HAS ACHIEVED ACCREDITATION UNDER TOUGH NEW INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER ABOUT THE ACHIEVEMENT. CD

JUNE 17 – THREE FAMILIES IN CARY ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PLACES TO STAY AFTER A FIRE DAMAGED THEIR APARTMENT SUNDAY NIGHT. WTVB TV'S CHEYNNIE RODRIGUEZ REPORTS. CD

JUNE 18 – A MAN WAS ARRESTED YESTERDAY AFTER HE ROBBED A PNC BANK WITH WHAT HE CLAIMED TO BE A BOMB. WTVB TV'S BARBARA GIBBS HAS THE STORY. CD

JUNE 18 – THE HIGHWAY PATROL IS CONDUCTING OPERATION ROAD WATCH NASH COUNTY ... A 48 HOUR MULTI-AGENCY ENFORCEMENT EVENT THAT FOCUSES ON COMMERCIAL VEHICLE INSPECTIONS WITH AN EMPHASIS ON DRIVER VIOLATIONS. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH FIRST SERGEANT JEFF GORDON WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL, WHO SAYS THEY'LL LOOKING CLOSELY AT 18-WHEELERS AND ALSO AT AGGRESSIVE MOTORISTS WHO DRIVE NEAR THE BIG RIGS. CD

JUNE 18 – REPORTERS ROUNDING WITH BRIAN FREEMAN AND PATRICK JOHNSON DISCUSSING THE BREAKING NASCAR NEWS OF AN ARREST IN SELBY AND THE LATEST ON THE INVESTIGATION OF DEATHS AT A BOONE HOTEL FROM CARBON MONOXIDE. CD

JUNE 19 – MUSIC ...PRIVATE CABANAS ... DANCERS, DRINKS AND DRUGS. IT SOUNDS LIKE LIKE A SCENE FROM THE GREAT GATSBY -- BUT IT'S REAL AND RIGHT HERE IN RALEIGH. AND LIKE THE GREAT GATSBY, THESE PARTIES ARE THROWN IN A MANSION ... BUT THEY'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE. THE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION OF NORTH RALEIGH'S RADCLIFFE NEIGHBORHOOD HAVE FILED AN INJUNCTION AGAINST THE MANSION'S OWNERS, ALLEGING THEY'VE BEEN USING THE PROPERTY AS A NIGHT CLUB. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE

STORY WITH TODD JONES, AN ATTORNEY AT ANDERSON JONES -- A RALEIGH FIRM THAT SPECIALIZES IN REAL ESTATE -- TO GO OVER THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS. CD

JUNE 19 – A STOLEN-IDENTITY TAX REFUND SCHEME CALLED SIRF (**STOLEN IDENTITY REFUND FRAUD**) AFFECTS AN UNTOLD NUMBER OF INNOCENT TAXPAYERS, AND IT'S MAKING THE ROUNDS IN DURHAM. WPTF'S DONNA MARTINEZ TALKED ABOUT THIS PROBLEM WITH RICK HENDERSON AT THE CAROLINA JOURNAL. CD

JUNE 20 – A 17-YEAR-OLD REMAINS MISSING AT A CREEK WHERE HE AND HIS FRIENDS WERE SWIMMING. AUTHORITIES HALTED THE SEARCH FOR THE NIGHT AND WILL RESUME LATER THIS MORNING. WTVD TV'S GREG BARNES REPORTS. CD

JUNE 21 – DURHAM POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A HOMICE AFTER A MAN WAS FOUND LYING IN THE ROAD OVERNIGHT. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ REPORTS. CD

JUNE 21 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY HAS SIGNED A BILL THAT REPEALS THE RACIAL JUSTICE ACT AND ENDS A DE-FACTO MORATORIUM ON THE DEATH PENALTY IN NORTH CAROLINA. STEPHANIE HAWCO HAS THE STORY. CD

JUNE 24 – GREENVILLE POLICE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE SUSPECT IN FRIDAY'S SHOOTING SPREE AT A LAW OFFICE AND A WALMART PARKING LOT. WTVD TV'S NICOLE CARR HAS THE DETAILS. CD

JUNE 25 – A DURHAM JEWELRY STORE ROBBERY LEADS TO A DRAMATIC HIGH-SPEED CHASE. WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON HAS THE LATEST DETAILS AND REPORTS THE TWO ROBBERS ARE STILL ON THE RUN. CD

JUNE 25 – WAKE COUNTY'S SHERIFF SAYS A RECENT STUDY INVOLVING PARENTS, MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOUND OUTDATED AND INCONSISTENT TECHNOLOGIES AND POLICIES ACROSS THE DISTRICT. SHERIFF DONNIE HARRISON TOLD STEPHANIE HAWCO WHY HE THINKS THE SCHOOL SYSTEM NEEDS ITS OWN POLICE FORCE. CD

JUNE 25 – THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE IS UNDER FIRE AGAIN THIS TIME FOR SENDING OVER \$46 MILLION DOLLARS IN TAX REFUNDS TO ONE ADDRESS IN ATLANTA. THIS IS ACCORDING TO AN AUDIT REPORT THAT IS BLAMING THE IRS FOR IGNORING A TAX LOOPHOLE THAT ALLOWED INDIVIDUALS TO DEFRAUD THE GOVERNMENT. LENWOOD BROOKS, POLICY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC NOTICE, TALKS WITH BILL LUMAYE ON OUR SISTER STATION TALKRADIO 850 ABOUT THE MILLIONS SENT TO THE SAME ADDRESS AND THE \$75 MILLION BONUS GIVEN TO IRS EMPLOYEES. CD

JUNE 27 – THREE PEOPLE CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH A CULT MURDER CASE IN DURHAM HAVE MADE PLEA DEALS WITH PROSECUTORS. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS. CD

CR- Civil Rights

APRIL 30 – A PROTEST OF REPUBLICAN POLICIES IN THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENDED WITH ARRESTS OF 17 ACTIVISTS AND CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS MONDAY. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVEREZ REPORTS. CR

MAY 3 – RACIAL SLURS ARE A SOCIAL AND MORAL TABOO, AND RESEARCH FINDS THAT NOT ONLY DO WE HEAR THEM AT WORK, THE DATA ALSO SHOWS THAT WHITE MEN MAY BE LEAST LIKELY TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST THOSE WHO USE SLURS. IN PART III OF OUR IN-DEPTH LOOK AT THE DATA, WPTF'S JOSH ZACH ASKS ASHLEIGH ROSETTE AT DUKE'S FUQUA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS -- CO-AUTHOR OF A NEW PAPER ON THE SUBJECT -- WHAT CAN BE DONE TO

FOCUS NOT ONLY ON THOSE MAKING THE SLURS, BUT ON THOSE WHO OBSERVE THEM AND REMAIN SILENT. CR

MAY 9 – NORTH CAROLINA'S HISTORIC AMENDMENT ONE IS BACK IN THE SPOTLIGHT. ONE YEAR AGO, VOTERS APPROVED THE AMENDMENT WHICH DEFINED MARRIAGE AS SOLEY BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS THAT OPPONENTS OF THE MEASURE ARE NOT GIVING UP. CR

MAY 20 – MORE ARRESTS DURING PROTESTS AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND LAWMAKERS SCRAMBLE TO MEET A DEADLINE FOR PASSING BILLS. STEPHANIE HAWCO HAS THIS LOOK AT STORIES THAT MADE NEWS IN THE CAPITAL. CR

MAY 21 – FIFTY-SEVEN PROTESTORS WERE ARRESTED MONDAY AT THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BRINGING THE DEMONSTRATIONS LED BY THE STATE CHAPTER OF THE NAACP TO THEIR HIGHEST TOTAL IN THEIR FOURTH STRAIGHT WEEK. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS. CR

MAY 28 – SECOND PARENT ADOPTION IS CURRENTLY ILLEGAL IN NORTH CAROLINA BUT THE ACLU IS TRYING TO CHANGE THAT. MIKE MENO WITH ACLU- NORTH CAROLINA EXPLAINS TO WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN WHAT SECOND PARENT ADOPTIONS ARE AND WHY THE BAN NEEDS TO BE LIFTED. CR

JUNE 7 – THE MORAL MONDAYS CROWD OF PROTESTERS KEEPS GROWING AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHILE GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY COMMENTS ON THE PROTESTS AND THE REPUBLICAN LEGISLATIVE LEADERS TRY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE EVENTS. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS THE LATEST FROM BARLOW HERGET WITH SGRTODAY.COM. CR

JUNE 11 – MORAL MONDAY DREW ANOTHER LARGE CROWD IN THE THOUSANDS AND SOME ATTENTION ALSO FROM WASHINGTON. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVEREZ BRINGS US THE STORY. CR

JUNE 13 – EIGHT MORE PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN A PROTEST THE NAACP IS CALLING WITNESS WEDNESDAY. STEPHANIE HAWCO WAS THERE AND BRINGS US THIS REPORT. CR

JUNE 18 – YESTERDAY'S MORAL MONDAY PROTEST LED BY THE NC CHAPTER OF THE NAACP LED TO THE ARRESTS OF 84 PEOPLE. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. CR

JUNE 19 – A LARGE RALLY IS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY IN RALEIGH BY UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS. WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON REPORTS. CR

JUNE 24 – NOT EVERYONE IN THE FAITH COMMUNITY IS ON BOARD WITH THE MORAL MONDAY PROTESTS TAKING PLACE AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. DONNA MARTINEZ TALKED WITH THE HEAD OF THE NORTH CAROLINA VALUES COALITION TAMI FITZGERALD. CR

JUNE 24 – THE FIRST MORAL MONDAY PROTESTORS ARRESTED IN APRIL ARE SET TO APPEAR IN A WAKE COUNTY COURTROOM TODAY. WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON REPORTS. CR

JUNE 25 – YESTERDAY WAS THE 8TH RALLY OF PROTESTORS LED BY THE NAACP. IT WAS THE LARGEST DEMONSTRATION YET WHICH ENDED WITH OVER 100 ARRESTS. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. CR

EC - Economy/Employment

APRIL 1 – EVERY DAY THERE SEEMS TO BE A SLEW OF ECONOMIC DATA RELEASED, AND SOME OF IT SEEMS CONTRADICTIONARY. IS THERE ONE NUMBER OR STATISTIC THAT BEST REFLECTS THE CONDITION OF THE ECONOMY? N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN ANSWERS. EC

APRIL 2 – CONSUMERS CAN EXPECT TO SEE A NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN RETAIL FOOD PRICES THIS YEAR. SUSAN CARTER HAS THE STORY BEHIND THE FOOD PRICE INFLATION. EC

APRIL 2 – ALTERNATIVE TAX PLANS AND TAX SYSTEMS FOR NORTH CAROLINA ARE LIKELY TO BE VIGOROUSLY DEBATED THIS YEAR. IN COMPARING SUCH PLANS, HOW SHOULD PEOPLE KEEP SCORE? N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY OUTLINES SOME FACTORS TO CONSIDER. EC

APRIL 2 – THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA KICKED IN MORE THAN 89 MILLION DOLLARS IN INCENTIVES WHEN METLIFE ANNOUNCED IT WOULD BRING 2600 JOBS HERE. ON MONDAY, THE WAKE COUNTY COMMISSION SWEETENED THE POT. WPTF'S STEPHANIE HAWCO HAS THE DETAILS. EC

APRIL 2 – THE IRS'S ANNUAL 'DIRTY DOZEN' LIST INCLUDES COMMON TAX SCAMS THAT OFTEN PEAK DURING THE TAX FILING SEASON. THE IRS RECOMMENDS THAT TAXPAYERS BE AWARE SO THEY CAN PROTECT THEMSELVES AGAINST CLAIMS THAT SOUND TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE. TAXPAYERS WHO BUY INTO ILLEGAL TAX SCAMS CAN END UP FACING SIGNIFICANT PENALTIES AND INTEREST AND EVEN CRIMINAL PROSECUTION. EC

APRIL 3 – FEDERAL RESERVE CHAIRMAN BEN BERNANKE RECENTLY TESTIFIED BEFORE CONGRESS ABOUT THE FED'S POLICIES TO SUPPORT THE ECONOMY. N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN DISCUSSES WHAT BERNANKE HAD TO SAY. EC

APRIL 3 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-ANN BUDDENHAGEN AND PAUL MILLER, CPAS, -DISCUSS TAX PREPARATION AND TAX LAW CHANGES-EC

APRIL 4 – ALMOST THE ENTIRE WORLD WAS IN A RECESSION LATE LAST DECADE. BUT WITH MANY ECONOMIC INDICATORS IN THE UNITED STATES NOW POINTING UP, IS THERE A BETTER ECONOMIC MOOD IN THE REST OF THE WORLD? N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN RESPONDS. EC

APRIL 4 – YOU SEE IT AND HEAR IT ALL THE TIME -- GREEN LIZARDS, A FRIENDLY WOMAN IN A SMOCK OR CAVEMEN -- ALL OFFERING YOU BETTER DEALS ON INSURANCE -- BUT, A LITTLE HOMEWORK IS ALSO NEEDED FOR YOU TO GET THE MOST FOR YOUR DOLLAR. DON CURTIS -- ON A RECENT EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS -- TALKED WITH STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER WAYNE GOODWIN ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING A CLOSE LOOK AT YOUR COVERAGE. EC

APRIL 5 – DESIGNING PROGRAMS THAT HELP HOUSEHOLDS THAT ARE STRUGGLING ECONOMICALLY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CHALLENGING, BUT A NEW EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM IN ENGLAND APPEARS, AT LEAST INITIALLY, TO BE A WIN-WIN FOR EVERYONE. N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN EXPLAINS HOW IT WORKS. EC

APRIL 5 – DESPITE REPORTS THAT THE ECONOMY IS DOING BETTER, THERE IS STILL A 9.4% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN NORTH CAROLINA. THIS IS HURTING ADULTS AND THE CHILDREN AS WELL. LAILA BELL, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND DATA OF ACTION FOR CHILDREN NC, TALKS WITH BILL LUMAYE ABOUT HOW UNEMPLOYED OR UNDEREMPLOYED PARENTS AFFECT THEIR CHILDREN AT HOME. EC

APRIL 8 – WHEN ADDRESSING ECONOMIC ISSUES, IT CAN BE HELPFUL TO KEEP AN EYE ON WHAT OTHER STATES ARE DOING. A FEW WEEKS AGO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA PROPOSED A NEW WAY FOR THAT STATE TO PAY FOR ROADS, AND A VERSION OF THAT PLAN

HAS BEEN PASSED. N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN EXPLAINS THE PLAN AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR NORTH CAROLINA. EC

APRIL 8 – THE RELEASE OF JOB NUMBERS ON FRIDAY WERE A PUNCH IN THE GUT TO MANY. WHAT'S BEHIND THE EXTREMELY POOR NUMBERS? CBS MONEYWATCH EDITOR AT LARGE JILL SCHLESINGER EXPLORED THE ISSUE WITH BRIAN FREEMAN. EC

APRIL 8 – LAST WEEK THE ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN BUSINESS -- AT DUKE UNIVERSITY'S FUQUA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS -- HOSTED THE C200 REACH-OUT CONFERENCE, AN ARENA WHERE WOMEN EXECUTIVES OFFERED INSIGHT ON FEMALE LEADERSHIP FROM DIFFERENT GENERATIONAL PERSPECTIVES. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH WAS INVITED TO THE EVENT HAS THIS REPORT. EC

APRIL 9 – LAST WEEK (IN THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL 2013), THE SOUTHEAST VENTURE PHILANTHROPY SUMMIT -- HELD IN CHAPEL HILL -- BROUGHT TOGETHER THE LEADERS OF REGIONAL LIFE SCIENCE COMPANIES AND NATIONAL DISEASE FOUNDATIONS TO EXPLORE ALLIANCES BEARING NEW OPPORTUNITIES ON RESEARCH, FUNDING, AND FINDING CURES. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH PETER GINSBERG AT N-C BIOTECH -- ONE OF THE EVENT ORGANIZERS -- TO FIND OUT WHAT UNFOLDED AT THE SUMMIT. EC

APRIL 10 – JOBS... IT'S ON EVERYBODY'S MINDS. THE MARCH JOB NUMBERS CAME OUT THIS WEEK AND JOB CREATION IS STILL STRUGGLING IN THE U.S. PETER GROSSMAN, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT BUTLER UNIVERSITY, SITS DOWN WITH DOUG KELLETT OF THE MORNING DRIVE TO IF YOUR AREA IS ABOUT TO BE FLOODED, HERE ARE SOME IDEAS THAT MAY HELP YOU REDUCE DAMAGE TO YOUR HOME AND YOURSELF. GARY CRAWFORD HAS THE STORY.DISCUSS US ENERGY POLICIES AND THE LACK OF JOB CREATION IN THE COUNTRY. EC

APRIL 10 – NOT DONE YOUR TAXES YET? THERE'S STILL TIME AND THERE ARE SOME HIGH TECH WAYS TO DO OR TO GET READY FOR NEXT YEAR'S TAXES. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS DETAILS FROM TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN. EC

APRIL 11 – TOURISM IS BIG BUSINESS IN THE WORLD, NATION AND HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA. WHEN SOMEONE VISITS OUR STATE'S MANY TOURIST ATTRACTIONS, THEY CREATE INCOME, JOBS, SPENDING AND TAX REVENUE. TODAY, THERE'S AN INCREASED FOCUSED ON TOURISTS FROM CHINA, SAYS N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN. EC

APRIL 12 – THE RECESSION AND SLOW RECOVERY HAVE FORCED AMERICAN HOUSEHOLDS TO TIGHTEN THEIR BELTS AND REIGN IN THEIR SPENDING AND BORROWING, BUT HAS ANY GROUP TAKEN ON THIS BEHAVIOR MORE AVIDLY THAN OTHERS? N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN RESPONDS. EC

APRIL 12 – AMANDA HOYLE FROM THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL WITH BRIAN FREEMAN ON THE THE LATEST LOCAL BUSINESS NEWS, INCLUDING A STORY OF A HOTEL THAT IS OPEN BUT THE QUESTION IS FOR HOW LONG. EC

APRIL 12 – IF YOU HAVEN'T YET FILED YOUR 2012 STATE AND FEDERAL TAX RETURNS, YOU'VE ONLY GOT A FEW DAYS LEFT BEFORE THE APRIL 15TH DEADLINE ... WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DAN BOONE AT THE IRS TO GET ANSWERS TO SOME COMMON QUESTIONS FOR LAST-MINUTE FILERS IN NORTH CAROLINA. EC

APRIL 15 – ALTHOUGH JOBS HAVE BEEN INCREASING IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, BY MOST MEASURES, THE GAINS HAVE BEEN MODEST. N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY'S MIKE WALDEN EXPLAINS THE REASONS ECONOMISTS GIVE FOR THE SLOW RECOVERY. EC

APRIL 15 – WILL THE STOCK MARKET HAVE A CORRECTIVE “DRAWBACK” AND WHAT’S THE STATUS OF THE JOB MARKET? BRIAN FREEMAN GETS DETAILS FROM CBS MONEYWATCH EDITOR AT LARGE JILL SCHLESINGER. EC

APRIL 17 – THE RECESSION HIT NORTH CAROLINA HARD, AND THE RECOVERY HAS BEEN MODEST. BUT, AS N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN POINTS OUT, THERE ARE BRIGHT SPOTS ON THE ECONOMIC HORIZON. EC

APRIL 17 – WHILE MANY ARE CRITICAL OF PROVIDING INCENTIVES TO LAND BUSINESS PROSPECTS, IT’S A REALITY IN ORDER TO STAY COMPETITIVE. ON A RECENT EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS, DON CURTIS TALKED ABOUT THE TOPIC WITH ELLIS HANKINS FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES. EC

APRIL 18 – IT SEEMS WE HAVE A LOVE-HATE RELATIONSHIP WITH MACHINES. ON THE ONE HAND, MACHINES HELP US IMPROVE OUR STANDARD OF LIVING, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND MACHINES CAN DESTROY JOBS THAT USED TO BE DONE BY PEOPLE. N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN CONSIDERS WHETHER MACHINES ARE A NET PLUS OR A NET MINUS FOR EMPLOYMENT. EC

APRIL 18 – IN A TOUGH ECONOMY IT’S GREAT TO HEAR SOME GOOD NEWS, BUT IN THE CASE OF INCREASING SALES AND ADDING EMPLOYEES IT APPEARS THAT THE NORTH CAROLINA AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION IS LEADING THE RECOVERY. BRIAN FREEMAN GOT DETAILS FROM MIKE ALFORD - DEALER OF THE YEAR AND DAVID WESTCOTT CHAIRMAN OF NORTH CAROLINA AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION. EC

APRIL 22 – WE’RE BOMBARDED DAILY BY NEW ECONOMIC STATISTICS. INDEED, N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN HAS BEEN TOUTING A SOMETIMES OVERLOOKED JOBS NUMBER THAT SOME SAY IS SIGNALING A POSITIVE OUTLOOK. EC

APRIL 22 – RALEIGH LEADERS SAY THE CONVENTION CENTER HAS REVITALIZED THE DOWNTOWN AREA, BUT THE HARD NUMBERS ARE DIFFICULT TO TRACK. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED TO JASON DEBRUYN FROM THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL ABOUT THE PROJECT’S FINANCIAL HEALTH. EC

APRIL 23 - THE STOCK MARKET HAS SKYROCKETED THIS YEAR TO NEW HIGHS, BUT THE JOB MARKET STILL FACES CHALLENGES. IS THE TREND IN THE STOCK MARKET AN EXAMPLE OF WALL STREET IGNORING THE PROBLEMS ON MAIN STREET? N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN ANSWERS. EC

APRIL 24 – MANUFACTURING WAS HARD HIT DURING THE RECESSION, BUT THERE IS EVIDENCE OF A REBOUND OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS. N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN GIVES A STATUS REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF MANUFACTURING. EC

APRIL 24 – A STOCK MARKET AND A NATION ALREADY ON EDGE WAS TEMPORARILY KNOCKED OFF ITS AXIS ON TUESDAY BY A SINGLE FAKE TWEET. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS’ VERIFIED TWITTER ACCOUNT WAS HACKED AND A MESSAGE CLAIMING THAT TWO EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA IS INJURED WAS POSTED. MOMENTS LATER, THE ACCOUNT WAS SUSPENDED. THE DOW LOST MORE THAN 140 POINTS ALMOST INSTANTLY BEFORE RECOVERING FIVE MINUTES LATER. JILL SCHLESINGER FROM CBS MONEYWATCH GIVES BRIAN THE DETAILS OF THE SHAKY MARKET AND THE RECENT APPLE’S EARNINGS REPORT. EC

APRIL 25 – THE BATTLES OVER THE FEDERAL BUDGET CONTINUE. WHEN SOMEONE LOOKS AT TRENDS IN THE FEDERAL BUDGET AND TRIES TO EVALUATE CHANGES, WHAT KINDS OF

CONSIDERATIONS ARE IMPORTANT? N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN RESPONDS. EC

APRIL 25 – PRETTY SOON YOU MAY HAVE TO PAY STATE AND LOCAL SALES TAX IF YOU BUY SOMETHING ONLINE. THE SENATE COULD VOTE AS EARLY AS TODAY ON A BILL TO EMPOWER STATES TO REQUIRE ONLINE RETAILERS TO COLLECT STATE AND LOCAL TAXES FOR PURCHASES MADE OVER THE INTERNET. UNDER THE BILL, THE SALES TAXES WOULD BE SENT TO THE STATES WHERE THE SHOPPER LIVES. CURTIS DUBAT (DEW-BAY), SENIOR POLICY ANALYST FOR THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION, EXPLAINS TO BILL LUMAYE WHY THIS NEW BILL IS BEING INTRODUCED NOW. EC

APRIL 25 – IF YOU'VE BEEN OUT OF WORK AND LOOKING FOR A JOB, YOU KNOW HOW TOUGH IT CAN BE. NORTH CAROLINA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS THE FIFTH-HIGHEST IN THE COUNTRY. BUT ONE INDUSTRY IS ADDING JOBS AND A TRAINING PROGRAM IS GIVING PEOPLE THE SKILLS THEY NEED TO LAND ONE. WTVD TV'S HEATHER WALIGA (WAHL-EH-GAH) HAS THE DETAILS. EC

APRIL 25 – ONE OF THE NATION'S LARGEST GAMING CONVENTIONS IS IN RALEIGH TODAY (THU) -- THE EAST COAST GAME CONFERENCE... AS GAMES GROW, SO DO CHANCES TO WORK TO CREATE THE GAMES PEOPLE PLAY ... PATRICK JOHNSON IS IN DOWNTOWN RALEIGH WHERE HE TALKED TO LOCAL COMPANIES ABOUT THE GROWING INDUSTRY. EC

APRIL 26 – IT'S BEEN SAID THAT DURING THE ENTIRE DECADE OF THE 2000S, NORTH CAROLINA DID NOT CREATE A SINGLE JOB. IS THIS ACCURATE? OR IS IT A CREATIVE USE OF STATISTICS? N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN RESPONDS. EC

APRIL 26 – THE GREATER RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS PREPARING TO HOLD THE 2013 BUSINESS EXPO, NEXT WEEK, AND THIS YEAR WILL FEATURE A BRAND NEW RESOURCE FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH WILL BARFIELD -- THE CHAIR OF THE 2013 BUSINESS EXPO -- TO GET A PREVIEW OF WHAT ATTENDEES CAN EXPECT WHEN THE SHOW OPENS ON WEDNESDAY. EC

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APRIL 29 – EVERYONE WANTS TO KNOW WHERE THE NEW JOBS WILL BE IN THE FUTURE. EVERY COUPLE OF YEARS, ECONOMISTS WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TRY TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION WITH NEW FORECASTS OF JOB GROWTH. N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST OUTLINES WHAT THE BUREAU SAYS WILL BE THE MOST RAPIDLY INCREASING OCCUPATIONS. EC

APRIL 29 – A CONVERGENCE OF ECONOMIC DATA ON HOUSING, SALES AND EMPLOYMENT ARE EXPECTED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK AND CBS SENIOR BUSINESS CONSULTANT JILL SCHLESINGER TELLS BRIAN FREEMAN THAT IT'S AN ECONO-POLUZA OF INFORMATION THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW. EC

APRIL 30 – INCOME GROWTH IS ONE OF THE MOST WATCHED ECONOMIC STATISTICS. N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN EXPLAINS WHAT RECENTLY RELEASED INCOME GROWTH STATISTICS FOR 2012 SHOWED FOR NORTH CAROLINA. EC

APRIL 30 – THE GREATER RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS PREPARING TO HOLD THE 2013 BUSINESS EXPO TOMORROW AND THIS YEAR WILL FEATURE A BRAND NEW RESOURCE FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH WILL BARFIELD -- THE CHAIR OF THE 2013 BUSINESS EXPO -- TO GET A PREVIEW OF WHAT ATTENDEES CAN EXPECT WHEN THE SHOW OPENS ON WEDNESDAY. EC

APRIL 30 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DR. MIKE WALDEN-AN UPDATE ON THE NORTH CAROLINA AND UNITED STATES ECONOMY-EC

MAY 1 – PEOPLE RECENTLY COMPLETED THEIR INCOME TAXES, AND MANY PROBABLY WONDERED WHETHER THEY PAY MORE OR LESS ON A PERCENTAGE BASIS THAN THEIR NEIGHBORS. DO WE HAVE ANY DATA ON WHO ACTUALLY PAYS THE HIGHEST RATES? N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN ANSWERS. EC

MAY 1 – ZERO DOWN, 129 PER MONTH. SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT DEAL ... BUT FOR HOW MONTHS? AS CARS GET MORE AND MORE EXPENSIVE, LENDERS ARE STRETCHING OUT FINANCING AND ALLOWING FOR LONGER AUTO LOANS. ... BUT IS IT WORTH IT? WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH CREDIT EXPERT PAUL OSTER (AHH-STIR) WHO SAYS IT MAKES THE CAR MORE AFFORDABLE AT THE POINT OF PURCHASE, BUT YOU'RE PAYING FOR IT OVER TIME. EC

MAY 1 – THE GREATER RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS IT'S ANNUAL BUSINESS EXPO TODAY AT THE STATE FAIRGROUNDS AND IT'S A CHANCE FOR BUSINESS TO INTERACT WITH BUSINESS. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS MORE FROM HARVEY SCHMITT FROM THE CHAMBER. EC

MAY 3 – WEALTH TOOK A BEATING DURING THE RECESSION. BOTH REAL-ESTATE AND STOCK WEALTH PLUNGED. BUT, AS N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN EXPLAINS, COLLECTIVELY, WE HAVE REGAINED WHAT WAS LOST. EC

MAY 3 – AMANDA HOYLE FROM THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL WITH BRIAN FREEMAN ON THE LATEST LOCAL BUSINESS NEWS INCLUDING A POSSIBLE MOVE FOR ONE BIG AUTO DEALERSHIP. EC

MAY 3 – CONSUMERS WITH BAD CREDIT COULD PAY UP TO 30 PERCENT INTEREST ON LOANS UNDER A PROPOSAL THAT GOT TENTATIVE APPROVAL IN THE STATE SENATE ON THURSDAY. STEPHANIE HAWCO REPORTS ON THE CASE FOR AND AGAINST RAISING RATES ON INSTALLMENT LOANS. EC

MAY 6 – THE U.S. STOCK MARKETS WAS RECENTLY SHAKEN BY A SHORT-LIVED HOAX ON TWITTER FROM SYRIAN HACKERS. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH FINANCE EXPERT TODD WOOD WHO SAYS OUR ECONOMY IS VULNERABLE TO SUCH ATTACKS BECAUSE THE MARKETS THAT BUY AND SELL SHARES DO SO WITHOUT HUMAN INTERVENTION. EC

MAY 6 – FRIDAY WAS A BANNER DAY FOR WALL STREET AS THE MARKET TIPPED OVER THE 15-THOUSAND MARK, BUT WILL THERE BE A SPRING CORRECTION AT SOME POINT? BRIAN FREEMAN ASKED THAT CBS SENIOR BUSINESS ADVISOR JILL SCHLESINGER. EC

MAY 7 – NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS CAME OUT LAST WEEK AND THEY SHOWED A SLIGHT DROP AS 165,000 JOBS WERE ADDED LAST MONTH. BILL GLYNN, VENTURE CAPITALIST, TALKS WITH DOUG KELLET OF THE MORNING DRIVE TO TALK ABOUT THE TRUTH BEHIND THE NUMBERS. EC

MAY 7 – LAST WEEK ASIAN STOCK MARKETS FELL AFTER U.S. AND CHINESE DATA POINTED TO SLOWER GROWTH IN THE WORLD'S TWO BIGGEST ECONOMIES. THERE IS A CONCERN ON WHETHER CHINA'S ECONOMY IS GOING TO BE EFFECTED IN THE LONG RUN. DR. MARK DEWEAVER, HEDGE FUND MANAGER, GIVES BILL LUMAYE THE UPDATES ON CHINA'S ECONOMY AND HOW IT AFFECTS OUR OWN. EC

MAY 7 – THE GREATER RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS IT'S "C-SUITE PERSPECTIVES" THURSDAY MORNING AND BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED TO PAUL NEWTON, PRESIDENT OF DUKE ENERGY'S UTILITY OPERATIONS, WHO WILL SHARE SOME OF HIS INSIGHTS TO THE EVENTS ATTENDEES. EC

MAY 9 – THE RECESSION FORCED MANY HOUSEHOLDS TO CUT DOWN ON THEIR DEBT. N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN CONSIDERS HOW SUCCESSFUL THIS EFFORT HAS BEEN AND WHO HAS BEEN MOST SUCCESSFUL. EC

MAY 10 – MANY PEOPLE WERE GLUED TO THEIR TVS, SMARTPHONE'S AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, AND THEY DIDN'T ALWAYS ONLY WATCH AT HOME. THEY OFTEN FOLLOWED THE GAMES AT WORK. COULD THIS HAVE REDUCED WORKER PRODUCTIVITY AND IMPACTED THE ENTIRE OUTPUT OF OUR ECONOMY? N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN RESPONDS. EC

MAY 10 – MOST EVERYONE TAKES ADVANTAGE OF TAX CREDITS ON THEIR FEDERAL INCOME TAX FILINGS AND YOU MAY BE GREATLY SURPRISED THAT BUSINESS RACK UP SOME MULTI-MILLION DOLLARS SAVINGS AS WELL. BRIAN FREEMAN GOT DETAILS ON HOW MUCH LOCAL BUSINESS SAVE FROM AMANDA HOYLE AT TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL. EC

MAY 13 – WHEN PEOPLE THINK OF BOOMING AREAS OF THE WORLD TODAY, MANY WOULD IDENTIFY CHINA, THEN MAYBE INDIA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA AND PERHAPS PARTS OF EUROPE. BUT ONE REGION THAT SHOULD BE ON THE LIST – AFRICA – MIGHT COME AS A SURPRISE. N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN EXPLAINS. EC

MAY 13 – GLOBAL STOCKS ARE DOING BETTER THAN LAST YEAR, BUT THERE ARE SOME GLOBAL SECTORS AREN'T MAKING MONEY. CBS SENIOR BUSINESS ANALYST JILL SCHLESINGER TALKS WITH BRIAN FREEMAN ON THE DETAILS. EC

MAY 14 – THE PERCENTAGE OF THE U.S. POPULATION THAT IS IN THE LABOR FORCE IS AT A 30-YEAR LOW. N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN DISCUSSES THIS DISTURBING TREND. EC

MAY 15 – ARE YOU PREPARING ENOUGH FOR THE UNEXPECTED? IF NOT, IT COULD IMPACT LIFE AFTER WORK IN ADDITION TO YOUR CURRENT FINANCES. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH SUZANNA DE BACA (DUH BOCK-UH)- WITH AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL- TO DISCUSS A RECENT STUDY THAT LOOKS AT HOW PREPARED YOU ARE FOR RETIREMENT. EC

MAY 15 – LAST WEEK, THE REPUBLICAN-LED HOUSE APPROVED A MEASURE THAT OPPONENTS SAY WOULD OPEN THE DOOR FOR EMPLOYERS TO PRESSURE WORKERS NOT TO TAKE OVERTIME PAY. THE BILL WOULD GIVE PRIVATE SECTOR WORKERS THE OPTION OF TRADING OVERTIME PAY FOR EARNED TIME OFF FOR FUTURE USE. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH SETH HARRIS -- THE ACTING SECRETARY OF LABOR -- ABOUT THE LEGISLATION THAT CHALLENGES THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT OF 1938. EC

MAY 17 – MANY FACTORS AFFECT THE JOB MARKET. BUT CLEARLY, TWO IMPORTANT ONES ARE TRADE AND TECHNOLOGY. WHAT CAN BE SAID ABOUT THE IMPACTS OF TRADE AND TECHNOLOGY ON LOCAL LABOR MARKETS? N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN ANSWERS. EC

MAY 20 – MORE THAN 1,000 PEOPLE WILL BE PUT OUT OF WORK IN HOKE COUNTY WHEN HOUSE OF RAEFORD SHUTS DOWN A TURKEY PROCESSING PLANT BY THE END OF JULY. ON CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS, HOST DON CURTIS TALKED ABOUT THAT DEVELOPMENT WITH LARRY WOOTEN, PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FARM BUREAU. EC

MAY 20 – WHAT SHOULD BEN BERNANKE SAY TO CONGRESS THIS WEEK? JILL SCHLESINGER FROM CBS HOPES THAT HE'LL SAY "STOP WORRYING ABOUT INFLATION." SHE SPOKE WITH BRIAN FREEMAN. EC

MAY 21 – WHEN WE THINK OF WORLD TRADE TODAY MOST OF US THINK OF CHINA. CHINA HAS BUILT ITS COUNTRY IN THE LAST TWO DECADES AROUND EXPORTS. SO, IS CHINA REALLY THE TRADE SUPERPOWER? N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN ANSWERS. EC

MAY 21 – MANY DREAM OF TELLING THEIR BOSS TO TAKE A HIKE AND START UP THEIR OWN COMPANY. CHRIS DUKE OF RALEIGH LEFT HIS RTP JOB IN 2001 TO MAKE DESSERTS FOR LOCAL RESTAURANTS ... HIS SHOP HAS SINCE MORPHED INTO ANNA'S GOURMET GOODIES AND -- THIS YEAR -- HE'S ONE OF A SELECT FEW AREA COMPANIES SET TO RECEIVE THE PINNACLE BUSINESS ENTREPRENEURIAL AWARD FROM THE RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DUKE TO SEE IF HE HAS ANY WORDS OF WISDOM TO SHARE WITH BUDDING ENTREPRENEURS. EC

MAY 21 – GOT A DEEP VOICE? IF SO, MAYBE YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO RUN A FORTUNE 500 AND MAKE LOTS AND LOTS OF MONEY, BECAUSE RESEARCH SHOWS MALE CEO'S GET A LITTLE BIT MORE IN THEIR PAYCHECKS FOR HAVING A DEEP VOICE ... WPTF CORRESPONDENT JOSH ZACH HAS MORE IN PART IV IN THE STORY OF ... THE MILLION DOLLAR VOICE. EC

MAY 23 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DR MICHAEL WALDEN,NCSU ECONOMIST-COMMENTS ON ECONOMIC ISSUES-EC

MAY 28 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-BOBBY DUNN,TRIANGLE CAR CARE TAKES LISTENERS CALL ABOUT AUTO PROBLEMS-EC

MAY 28 – TAXING INTERNET SALES HAS BEEN ON THE LIPS OF LAWMAKERS, AND N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN DISCUSSES A PROPOSAL IN CONGRESS TO ALLOW STATES TO TAX PURCHASES MADE ON THE INTERNET. EC

MAY 29 – ON THIS WEEK'S CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS, OUR OWN DON CURTIS HAD A CONVERSATION WITH PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY MIKE WALDEN, WHO SPOKE ABOUT SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THE ECONOMY, INCLUDING THE HOUSING MARKET. EC

MAY 31 – MANY PEOPLE WORRY ABOUT ALL THE NEW MONEY THE FEDERAL RESERVE HAS BEEN CREATING IN RECENT YEARS AND THE IMPACT ON THE DOLLAR'S VALUE. N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN EXPLAINS THE POSSIBLE IMPACT OF THE FED'S ACTIONS. EC

MAY 31 – AMANDA HOYLE FROM THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL TALKS WITH BRIAN FREEMAN ON THE LATEST LOCAL BUSINESS NEWS INCLUDING A BATTLE HOT ENOUGH TO MELT ICE. EC

MAY 31 – A NEW STUDY FROM THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER HAS FOUND THAT 4 OUT OF 10 WOMEN WITH CHILDREN UNDER 18 ARE THE PRIMARY BREADWINNERS FOR THE FAMILY. THAT IS THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE EVER RECORDED. BUT MEN ARE ALSO RE-EXAMINING THEIR ROLE IN THE WORKPLACE AND AT HOME. BUSINESSWEEK EDITOR AND CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT SHEELAH KOLHATKAR (COAL-HAT-CAR), ALONG WITH CBS NEWS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT JEFF GLOR. DISCUSS KOLHATKAR'S STORY "MEN ARE PEOPLE TOO" WHICH TAKES A LOOK AT THE BALANCE BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN AT HOME AND AT WORK. EC

JUNE 3 – ONE WOULD THINK THE U.S. WOULD BE CLASSIFIED AS A DEVELOPED COUNTRY. BUT ONE PROMINENT INVESTMENT ANALYST SAID THE U.S. TODAY IS MORE LIKE AN EMERGING COUNTRY. N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN EXPLAINS. EC

JUNE 3 – JAPANESE STOCKS HAVE TAKEN A DIVE OFF THE DIVING BOARD AND A NEW JOBS REPORT WILL BE OUT BY THE END OF THE WEEK. JILL SCHLESINGER, EDITOR AT LARGE FROM CBS MONEY WATCH DOT COM, TALKS WITH BRIAN FREEMAN ABOUT THE DETAILS. EC

JUNE 4 – A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE'S PORK INDUSTRY SAYS THERE'S LITTLE TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT A CHINESE COMPANY'S PLANS TO BUY VIRGINIA-BASED SMITHFIELD FOODS. DEBORAH JOHNSON WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA PORK COUNCIL SAYS VERY FEW CHANGES ARE EXPECTED. SHE TALKED WITH RHONDA GARRISON WITH S-F-N TODAY DOT COM. EC

JUNE 5 – THE U.S. ECONOMY IS CURRENTLY MEASURED AS GENERATING \$16 TRILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY IN INCOME. BUT SOME SAY THIS DOESN'T TELL THE WHOLE STORY, BECAUSE SOME INCOME ISN'T REPORTED. THAT IS, IT'S UNDERGROUND. N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN EXPLAINS THE UNDERGROUND ECONOMY. EC

JUNE 6 – THE STOCK MARKET HAS COME ALL THE WAY BACK FROM ITS LOWS DURING THE RECESSION. THIS HAS GENERATED MUCH MORE INTEREST IN STOCK INVESTING FOR MORE PEOPLE. N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN PROVIDES ADVICE FOR PEOPLE NEW TO STOCK MARKET INVESTING ON ONE OF THE FIRST ISSUES THEY NEED TO ADDRESS. EC

JUNE 6 – CAREER BUILDER HAS SOME FINDINGS OF AN UPWARD SPIRAL IN OUR ECONOMY WHICH IS GOOD NEWS FOR US: AS MORE JOBS ARE CREATED, MORE PEOPLE CAN AFFORD TO BUY HOMES. AND THAT MEANS MORE HOME-BUILDING CREATES MORE JOBS -- ALSO AT HARDWARE STORES AND HOME-SUPPLY CENTERS. CORRESPONDENT DAN RAVIV INTERVIEWS JENNIFER GRASZ OF CAREER BUILDER ON HOW THE HOUSING MARKET AND THE JOB MARKET RELATE TO EACH OTHER. EC

JUNE 6 – U.S. BUSINESSES TRAIL THEIR GLOBAL COUNTERPARTS IN TERMS OF HOW MUCH IMPORTANCE THEY PLACE ON CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, ALSO, OPTIMISM AMONG CFOS ABOUT THE U.S. ECONOMY IS NOW ABOVE THE LONG-RUN AVERAGE FOR ONLY THE SECOND TIME SINCE 2007. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH PROFESSOR JOHN GRAHAM AT THE DUKE FUQUA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ABOUT THESE FINDINGS FROM THE LATEST DUKE UNIVERSITY/CFO MAGAZINE GLOBAL BUSINESS OUTLOOK SURVEY. EC

JUNE 7 – MOST PEOPLE ARE NOT HAPPY WITH OUR ELECTED LEADERS IN WASHINGTON AND THEIR INABILITY TO COME TO SOME AGREEMENT ON GOVERNMENT SPENDING, TAXES AND THE NATIONAL DEBT. SOME SAY THE REASON IS POLITICS. BUT OTHERS SAY THE DIFFERENCES ARE DEEPER THAN THAT. N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN DISCUSSES THE DIFFERENT PHILOSOPHIES AT PLAY. EC

JUNE 7 – AMANDA HOYLE FROM THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL WITH BRIAN FREEMAN ON THE LATEST LOCAL BUSINESS NEWS INCLUDING A RISING STAR IN THE LOCAL BUSINESS SCENE. EC

JUNE 7 – DATA FROM THE FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY SHOWS THE MAJORITY OF NORTH CAROLINIANS DON'T HAVE ENOUGH CASH ON HAND IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH TALKED POURED OVER THE DATA WITH LORI JONES GIBBS, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BANKER FOR PNC BANK IN RALEIGH. EC

JUNE 10 – THE CURRENT NATIONAL DEBT IS OVER \$16 TRILLION, AND SOME SAY IT REPRESENTS OUR BIGGEST ECONOMIC PROBLEM. N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN DISCUSSES DIFFERENT WAYS TO VIEW THE DEBT. EC

JUNE 10 – THE MAY JOBS REPORT... DOES IT SHOW WE ARE IN FULL RECOVERY? BRIAN FREEMAN GOES IN DEPTH WITH CBS SENIOR BUSINESS ANALYST JILL SCHLESINGER. EC

JUNE 11 – 60% OF NORTH CAROLINIANS LACK A RAINY DAY FUND IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES ... THAT'S THE FINDING FROM A RECENT REPORT BY THE FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY ... AND NEARLY 20% REPORT THEY SPEND MORE THAN THEY MAKE. LORI JONES GIBBS AT PNC BANK IN RALEIGH TELLS WPTF'S JOSH ZACH THAT PEOPLE LOOKING TO BUILD THEIR RAINY DAY FUND SHOULD PUT AWAY TEN PERCENT OF EVERY PAYCHECK ... AND SHE OFFERED TIPS ON HOW TO DO IT. EC

JUNE 11 – THE JOBS REPORT RELEASED LAST FRIDAY SHOWED HOW THE U.S. ECONOMY ADDED 175,000 JOBS IN MAY, BUT THERE WAS A DOWNSIDE. THE UNEMPLOYMENT FOR AMERICAN YOUTHS HAS RISEN TO A SHOCKING NUMBER. TERENCE GRADO (GRAY-DOE), DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL & STATE POLICY OF GENERATION OPPORTUNITY, TALKS WITH BILL LUMAYE ABOUT HOW UNEMPLOYMENT FOR AMERICANS UNDER THE AGE OF 24 HAS RISEN AND IT'S HURTING OUR ECONOMY. EC

JUNE 17 – THE GOVERNMENT IS BUYING BONDS AND INTEREST RATES. WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO WITH THEM? JILL SCHLESINGER, CBS NEWS SENIOR BUSINESS ANALYST, EXPLORES THE ISSUE WITH BRIAN FREEMAN. EC

JUNE 17 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DR. MICHAEL WALDEN, NCSU ECONOMIST, COMMENTS ON CURRENT ECONOMIC ISSUES- EC

JUNE 18 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-TIM TAYLOR AND STEVE ARNOLD ASSIST LISTENERS WITH COMPUTER PROBLEMS- EC

JUNE 18 – MANY SMALL BUSINESSES BELIEVE IT'S HARDER TO RUN A SMALL BUSINESS TODAY THAN IT WAS FIVE YEARS AGO ACCORDING TO A STUDY DONE BY CONSTANT CONTACT. GAIL GOODMAN IS THE COMPANY'S CEO AND SPOKE WITH BRANDON DICKSON. EC

JUNE 21 – THE WALL STREET DIP. IT SOUNDS LIKE A DANCE MOVE, BUT NO ONE LIKES THE BEAT OF THIS SONG ... INVESTORS UNLOADING STOCKS AND BONDS SENT THE DOW NEARLY 354 POINTS LOWER ON THURSDAY ... THE BIGGEST LOSS OF THE YEAR FOR THE BLUE CHIP INDEX. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH SPOKE WITH CBS NEWS BUSINESS ANALYST JILL SCHLESINGER TO FIND OUT WHY TRADERS WIPED OUT ALMOST TWO MONTHS OF GAINS. EC

JUNE 21 – TWO NORTH CAROLINA COMPANIES HAVE LANDED ON THE AARP'S LIST OF BEST EMPLOYERS FOR WORKERS OVER 50. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED ABOUT IT WITH SUZANNE LAFOLLETTE-BLACK OF THE NORTH CAROLINA AARP. EC

JUNE 21 – SOME BUSINESSES ARE WATCHING A COUNTDOWN CLOCK FOR SOMETHING THAT IS COMING THAT WILL AFFECT THEM GREATLY. AMANDA HOYLE FROM THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL WITH BRIAN FREEMAN ON THE LATEST LOCAL BUSINESS NEWS. EC

JUNE 24 – THE STOCK MARKET'S DIDN'T HAVE SUCH A GOOD WEEK LAST WEEK AND IT BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE THE MARKET OVERREACTS EVERYTIME BEN BERNANKE SPEAKS. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS MORE FROM CBS SENIOR BUSINESS ANALYST JILL SCHLESINGER. EC

JUNE 27 – WHAT NEWS HEADLINES ARE COMING FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES? BRIAN FREEMAN GETS A UPDATE FROM GREATER RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT HARVEY SCHMITT WITH "INSIDE THE RALEIGH CHAMBER." EC

ED- Education/PSA/Science

APRIL 3 – THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION SAID TUESDAY SCHOOLS ACROSS THE NATION SHOULD TRAIN SELECTED STAFF MEMBERS TO CARRY WEAPONS AND SHOULD HAVE EACH AT LEAST ONE ARMED SECURITY OFFICER TO MAKE STUDENTS SAFER. WTVD TV'S JOEL BROWN REPORTS ON WHAT WAKE COUNTY SCHOOL LEADERS ARE CONSIDERING FOR THEIR DISTRICT. ED

APRIL 3 – THE MAN WHO HAS BEEN RUNNING THE WAKE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM SINCE TONY TATA WAS ABRUPTLY FIRED WILL BE TAKING A PERMANENT JOB ELSEWHERE.. BRUCE FERRELL PICKS UP THE STORY. ED

APRIL 5 – PUBLIC SCHOOLS PERIODICALLY REVISE THEIR STANDARD COURSE OF STUDY TO REFLECT THE CHANGING NEEDS OF STUDENTS. THE COURSE IN NORTH CAROLINA'S SCHOOLS WAS UPDATED FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR ... THE FIRST CHANGE 27 YEARS! NORTH CAROLINA IS NOW AMONG 45 STATES THAT TEACH, "THE COMMON CORE" STANDARDS IN LANGUAGE AND MATH ... TO BETTER PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE DEMANDS OF THE 21ST CENTURY. BUT -- AS JOSH ZACH REPORTS -- WITH CHANGE OFTEN COMES PAIN AND CONFUSION. ED

APRIL 10 – THE WAKE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD DEAL WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF HUNDREDS OF JOB LOSSES AND ISSUES OF OVERCROWDING AT ITS MEETING TUESDAY EVENING. THE BOARD FOUND OUT ITS CUT OF GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY'S BUDGET LEFT THEM WITHOUT MILLIONS AND THEY ALSO TALKED ABOUT A BILL THAT COULD AFFECT HOW YOU VOTE FOR YOUR REPRESENTATION ON THIS BOARD. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. ED

APRIL 29 – WHAT'S BEING TAUGHT IN OUR COLLEGES, IT'S A LOT MORE THAN WE THINK... MORNING DRIVE HOST DOUG KELLETT SITS DOWN WITH THE AUTHOR OF THE NEW BOOK "YOUNG PROGRESSIVE: HOW TO AVOID WASTING YOUR TIME PROTESTING THINGS YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND", MIKE ADAMS, TO UNCOVER THE TRUTH OF WHAT DAMAGING LESSONS ARE ALSO BEING TAUGHT IN AMERICAN COLLEGES. ED

MAY 1 – A RECENT REPORT BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR EARLY EDUCATION RESEARCH SHOWS THE WORST NUMBERS IN OVER 10 YEARS FOR PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR EARLY EDUCATION RESEARCH (NIEER) TO GET THE LATEST FIGURES AROUND THE COUNTRY, AND WHERE NORTH CAROLINA RANKS AMONG THOSE. ED

MAY 2 – ABOUT 100 COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE STATE -- AS PART OF THE STUDENT POWER UNION --CONVERGED ONTO DOWNTOWN RALEIGH, WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, TO PROTEST PROPOSED CUTS TO HIGHER EDUCATION. WTVD'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS THE MARCH THAT BLOCKED PART OF JONES STREET LED TO THE ARREST OF FIVE STUDENTS. ED

MAY 7 – DAVID "COLE" WITHROW WILL BE ALLOWED TO GRADUATE, BUT HE MUST FINISH HIS REQUIREMENT AT AN ALTERNATE SCHOOL ACCORDING TO AN ATTORNEY FOR THE JOHNSTON COUNTY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION WITHROW WAS ARRESTED ON A FELONY CHARGE OF BRINGING A WEAPON ONTO SCHOOL GROUNDS AFTER HE LEFT THE

GUNS IN HIS CAR AT PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL. KIMBERLY BOYKIN, A FAMILY FRIEND OF THE WITHROWS, TELLS BILL LUMAYE THE UPDATES FROM THE CASE AND HOW COLE IS ANXIOUS TO RETURN TO HIS CLASSES. ED

MAY 15 – NC STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN TALKS ABOUT WHY IT'S TAKING LONGER FOR STUDENTS TO GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE, A TREND THAT INCREASES THE COST OF A COLLEGE DEGREE. ED

MAY 15 – A NEW STUDY THAT LOOKED AT SCHOOLS THAT PARTNERED WITH PLAYWORKS - A NATIONAL NONPROFIT - SHOWS SOME INTERESTING INSIGHT INTO THE BENEFITS OF RECESS. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DON FOWLER- THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLAYWORKS- TO FIND OUT THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY AND HOW SCHOOLS IN DURHAM ARE IMPACTED. ED

MAY 16 – SOME LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION IN NORTH CAROLINA WOULD LOSE CONTROL OVER CONSTRUCTION AND OWNERSHIP OF THEIR SCHOOLS, UNDER A BILL THAT PASSED THE STATE SENATE ON WEDNESDAY. STEPHANIE HAWCO REPORTS ON A CONTENTIOUS MEASURE THAT IS NOW HEADED FOR THE HOUSE. ED

MAY 16 – WAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE BUTTING HEADS THIS MORNING OVER POSSESSION OF MORE THAN \$1.8 BILLION IN WAKE SCHOOL PROPERTY TO OWN AND BUILD SCHOOLS ON. WTVD TV'S CHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ REPORTS. ED

MAY 17 – SOME HIGH SCHOOLERS FROM AROUND NORTH CAROLINA ARE IN PHOENIX THIS WEEK COMPETING AT THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR, VYING FOR THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN FINANCIAL AID. PATRICK JOHNSON HAS MORE. ED

MAY 17 – WE'VE ALL HEARD OF ON-LINE EDUCATION FOR COLLEGE, BUT CAN IT WORK FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE. BRIAN FREEMAN FOUND OUT THAT IT CAN DURING HIS INTERVIEW WITH RON PACKARD WITH K12.COM. ED

MAY 27 – CHANCELLOR HOLDEN THROPE IS WRAPPING UP HIS TENURE AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL. ALL THIS WEEK, WE HEAR SOME OF HIS THOUGHTS ON THE CHALLENGES HE FACED IN OFFICE AND SOME OF THE ISSUES FACING HIGHER EDUCATION AS HE TALKED EARLIER THIS YEAR WITH DON CURTIS ON CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS.. IN PART ONE, HE TALKS ABOUT HIS FUTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON IN ST. LOUIS. ED

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MAY 29 – PARENTS IN WAKE COUNTY GOT THE CHANCE TO MEET THE THREE FINALISTS FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT TUESDAY EVENING. WTVD'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. ED

MAY 29 – CHANCELLOR HOLDEN THROPE IS FINISHING HIS WORK AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL. ALL THIS WEEK, WE HEAR SOME OF HIS THOUGHTS HIS FUTURE AND THAT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS HE TALKED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WITH DON CURTIS ON CAROLINA

NEWSMAKERS.. IN THIS THIRD INSTALLMENT, HE TALKED ABOUT THE CHALLENGES WHEN IT COMES TO FUNDING HIGHER EDUCATION. ED

MAY 29 – A NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE PANEL ON TUESDAY NARROWLY BACKED A CONTROVERSIAL BILL THAT WOULD GIVE TAXPAYER MONEY TO NORTH CAROLINA STUDENTS TO ATTEND PRIVATE OR RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS. ED

MAY 30 – CHANCELLOR HOLDEN THROPE IS WRAPPING UP HIS TENURE AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL TO TAKE A POSITION AS PROVOST AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS. ALL THIS WEEK, WE ARE HEARING HIS THOUGHTS FROM AN EARLIER INTERVIEW WITH DON CURTIS ON CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS.. IN PART FOUR, HE TALKS ABOUT THE ONGOING STRUGGLES INVOLVING BIG TIME COLLEGE ATHLETICS. ED

MAY 30 – HOUSE DEMOCRATS ARE CONDEMNING THE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP ACT, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE TAXPAYER-FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL TUITION. REPRESENTATIVES LARRY HALL OF DURHAM AND SUSAN FISHER OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY SPOKE OUT WEDNESDAY AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. YOU'LL HEAR FROM REPRESENTATIVE HALL FIRST. ED

MAY 31 – CHANCELLOR HOLDEN THORPE IS FINISHING UP HIS TENURE AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL. ALL THIS WEEK, WE HAVE BEEN HEARING SOME OF HIS THOUGHTS ON THE CHALLENGES HE FACED IN OFFICE AND SOME OF THE ISSUES FACING HIGHER EDUCATION AS HE TALKED EARLIER THIS YEAR WITH DON CURTIS ON CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS.. IN THIS FINAL SEGMENT, HE TALKS ABOUT HOW TOUGH THE JOB THE LEADER OF AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING HAS BECOME IN CHANGING TIMES. ED

JUNE 3 – THE STATE LEGISLATURE HAS MADE SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS WITHIN RECENT MONTHS REGARDING HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND UNEMPLOYMENT.. DON CURTIS SPOKE WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RAN COBLE OF NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH ON CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS. ED

JUNE 4 – THE WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION PLANS TO NAME A NEW SUPERINTENDENT TODAY AND DISCUSS A NEARLY ONE BILLION DOLLAR SCHOOL REFERENDUM. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED ABOUT IT WITH SCHOOL BOARD VICE-CHAIR CHRISTINE KUSHNER. ED

JUNE 14 – COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ARE SEEING AN INCREASE IN STUDENT ENROLLMENT, WHICH IS GOOD NEWS, BUT THE NUMBERS ARE INCREASE AT SIGNIFICANT LEVELS. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS THE LATEST FROM JASON DEBRUYN A THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL. ED

JUNE 17 – JUNIOR UNITED STATES SENATOR KAY HAGAN OF NORTH CAROLINA IS A MEMBER OF KEY SENATE COMMITTEE THAT WILL BE REVIEWING SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE 2002 NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT. HAGAN, WHO HAS MADE SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROPOSED BILL, DISCUSSED THE LEGISLATION WITH REPORTERS TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BILL AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS SHE HAS MADE. ED

JUNE 17 – STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION JUNE ATKINSON SAYS THE CURRENT LACK OF PAY INCREASES FOR TEACHERS -- AND OTHER DECISIONS -- IS HURTING THE STATE'S ABILITY TO COMPETE FOR GOOD TEACHERS.. SHE SPOKE WITH BARLOW HERGET WITH SGRTODAY.COM. ED

JUNE 18 – IT LOOKS LIKE TODAY COULD BE THE DAY WHEN WAKE COUNTY GETS A NEW SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ REPORTS. ED

JUNE 19 – THE NEXT LEADER OF THE WAKE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM WILL BE DR. JIM MERRILL, WHO CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS. STEPHANIE HAWCO HAS THE DETAILS OF THE LONG-AWAITED ANNOUNCEMENT. ED

JUNE 20 – NORTH CAROLINA'S NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY IS PROTESTING PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TAX CODE THAT COULD COST THEM MILLIONS. ELON UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT LEO LAMBERT TALKS ABOUT HOW LOSING THEIR SALES TAX REFUND WOULD IMPACT STUDENTS AND PARENTS. ED

JUNE 27 – TEN THOUSAND EDUCATORS FROM NORTH CAROLINA AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY WILL GATHER IN ATLANTA NEXT WEEK TO TALK ABOUT THE PRESSING ISSUES FACED BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED TO RODNEY ELLIS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATORS, ABOUT SOME OF THE NATIONAL POLICIES THEY'RE TAKING A STAND ON. ED

EH - Environment/Health

APRIL 3 – WE USE THE CLICHE TERM, "OFF THE BEATEN PATH," ALL TOO OFTEN. BUT IT HAS TRUE MEANING, AND ONE OF THE PLACES WHERE YOU CAN FIND THAT MEANING IS IN OUR NATIONAL PARKS. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE HIDDEN TREASURES FOUND IN OUR PARKS WITH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC ADVENTURE MAGAZINE EDITOR AT LARGE, ROBERT EARLE HOWELLS -- CO-AUTHOR OF A NEW BOOK -- SECRETS OF THE NATIONAL PARKS. ENVIRONMENT. EH

APRIL 4 – OUR UP AND DOWN TEMPERATURES ARE ABOUT TO GO UP, BUT FIRST WE HAVE THE THREAT OF POSSIBLE FLOODING BECAUSE OF AN APPROACHING WEATHER SYSTEM. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS THE LATEST ON WHAT WE CAN EXPECT FROM THE FORECASTERS AT ACCUWEATHER. EH

APRIL 5 – IT'S NOT THE SUNSHINE LAW, TO SAY THE LEAST, AS THERE IS LEGISLATION TO ABOLISH THE STATE'S SOLAR INCENTIVE PROGRAM. BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNED WITH BARLOW HERGET FROM SGRTODAY.COM. EH

APRIL 8 – WARMER WEATHER ISN'T JUST COMING...IT'S HERE. BUT WILL WE STAY WARM? BRIAN FREEMAN ASKED THAT OF ACCUWEATHER'S HEATHER ZAYHER. EH

APRIL 10 – THE PUBLIC HAS SHOWN INCREASED INTEREST IN PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED JOBS, BROADLY CALLED "GREEN JOBS." N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN EXPLAINS WHAT THESE JOBS ARE AND HOW MANY OF THEM EXIST. EH

APRIL 15 – VOTER ID REFORM AND SCHOOL SAFETY WERE ON THE FRONT BURNER IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK. STEPHANIE HAWCO HAS OUR LEGISLATIVE UPDATE. ED

APRIL 16 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW ROD GONSKI, METEOROLOGIST-ON SEVERE WEATHER AND HURRICANE FORECAST-EH

APRIL 18 – THE WEEKEND IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE WITH ACCUWEATHER'S JOHN GRISACK TO FIND OUT WHAT WE CAN EXPECT. EH

APRIL 18 – FUEL IS EXPENSIVE. IT'S EVEN MORE EXPENSIVE ON THE BATTLEFIELD WHERE IT'S NOT JUST POWERING VEHICLES BUT POWERING GENERATORS THAT RUN 24 HOURS A DAY ... AND A LOCAL COMPANY IS TRYING TO TACKLE TO PROBLEM OF COST -- WITHOUT AFFECTING EFFICIENCY. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH LEARNED MORE FROM DOUG MOOREHEAD, A FORMER NAVY

SEAL AND CEO OF EARL ENERGY, WHO'VE "FIGURED OUT A WAY TO DO FOR DIESEL GENERATORS WHAT HYBRID MOTORS HAVE DONE FOR CARS." EH

APRIL 22 – SOME ARE USING EARTH DAY, TODAY, TO POINT OUT THE DANGERS OF JUST THROWING OUT CIGARETTE BUTTS.. BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH CHERY HEALTON, PRESIDENT OF LEGACY, AND DANA WATTS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LEAVE NO TRACE CENTER FOR OUTDOOR ETHICS. EH

APRIL 24 – SEN. KAY HAGAN IS PUSHING FOR CHANGES THAT FARM GROUPS SAY WILL HELP THEM -- WHEN IT COMES TO PESTICIDES ON THE FARM -- BRUCE FERRELL HAS MORE. EH

APRIL 24 – GOOGLE HAS ANNOUNCED IT PLANS TO DOUBLE ITS ORIGINAL INVESTMENT IN A HUGE DATA CENTER IN LENOIR TO \$1.2 BILLION. IT ALSO SAID IT PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN A NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY PLAN BIENG CREATED BY DUKE ENERGY. HOWEVER, SOME BELIEVE THAT OLDER FORMS OF ENERGY SUCH AS NUCLEAR ENERGY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE STATE AND THE ECONOMY. DESEIREE WOLFGRAMM, A MECHANICAL ENGINEER OF ENERGY NORTH WEST, EXPLAINS TO BILL LUMAY HOW IMPORTANT NUCLEAR ENERGY IS TO NORTH CAROLINA. EH

APRIL 25 – ACCUWEATHER - WHAT WILL THE WEEKEND BE LIKE? CHRISTINA BAKER FROM ACCUWEATHER GAVE BRIAN FREEMAN DETAILS. EH

APRIL 25 – FLOOD-WEARY RESIDENTS IN PARTS OF THE MIDWEST ARE STILL TRYING TO STEM THE TIDE OF MURKY RIVER WATER AND IT LOOKS LIKE MELTING SNOW COULD SEND RIVERS TOWARD EVEN HIGHER LEVELS. BRIAN FREEMAN FINDS OUT FROM CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT JIM KRASULA ABOUT THE LATEST IN THE MIDWEST. EH

APRIL 26 – BUG SEASON IS OFFICIALLY UPON US. SO, HOW LONG WILL IT LAST AND WHAT CAN WE DO TO KEEP LITTLE CRITTERS FROM TAKING OVER OUR HOME? WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKS WITH THE BUG EXPERT STEVE JACOBS TO GET THE ANSWERS. EH

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APRIL 29 – RAIN HAS OVERSPREAD THE AREA AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL NOT GO AWAY FOR MUCH OF THE WEEK. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS DETAILS ON WHAT TO EXPECT FROM ACCUWEATHER'S DAN D'PODWIN. EH

MAY 1 – FRESH FRUITS AND VEGGIE BOUGHT LOCALLY IN THE SPRING AND SUMMER PROVIDE BOUNTIFUL BENEFITS FOR MANY. SUSAN CARTER REPORTS. EH

MAY 2 – GOTTA GET AWAY? FROM THE BEACH AND THE MOUNTAINS ACCUWEATHER METEOROLOGIST DAN P'DANOWSKI HAS A LOOK AT THE WEEKEND FORECAST TO HELP PLAN YOUR ESCAPE. EH

MAY 3 – YOUR HOME AIR CONDITIONING UNIT MAY NEED A LITTLE WORK BEFORE IT STARTS ITS SUMMER JOB. GARY CRAWFORD HAS MORE. EH

MAY 7 – DATA SHOW THAT SINCE 2008 AIR POLLUTION LINKED TO CARBON EMISSIONS HAS BEEN ON THE DECLINE AND ARE NOW AT 1995 LEVELS. THIS IS GOOD NEWS FOR CONCERNS ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING. WHAT'S BEHIND THIS TREND? AND WILL IT CONTINUE? N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN RESPONDS. EH

MAY 7 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DR. STEVEN FRANK, ENTOMOLOGIST, NCSU-OUTDOOR PEST MANAGEMENT EH

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MAY 10 – RESEARCHERS AND POLICY MAKERS ARE TRYING TO REVERSE THE ALARMING DECLINE IN BEE POPULATIONS BEFORE IT AFFECTS FOOD PRODUCTION. GARY CRAWFORD HAS MORE. EH

MAY 17 – DUKE ENERGY HAS SHUT DOWN THE SHEARON HARRIS NUCLEAR PLANT IN SOUTHERN WAKE COUNTY AFTER FINDING CORROSION AND CRACKING THAT NEED REPAIR. SPEAKING WITH WPTF CORRESPONDENT JOSH ZACH, NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION SPOKESMAN ROGER HANNAH SAYS THE PROBLEM WAS DISCOVERED AFTER WORKERS TOOK A SECOND LOOK AT ULTRASOUND TESTS PERFORMED LAST SPRING. EH

MAY 20 – WHILE THE WEEKEND SAW RAIN, TODAY HAS BEEN A MESS OF HEAVY RAIN AND TRAFFIC DELAYS. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED ABOUT WHAT WE CAN EXPECT THIS WEEK AND ALSO A BRIEF LOOK AT THE UPCOMING HURRICANE SEASON WHICH GETS UNDERWAY JUNE 1ST. EH

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MAY 21 – BROOD II CICADAS ARE ARRIVING EN MASSE IN THE NORTHEAST THIS MONTH. ROD BAIN REPORTS ON THEIR IMPACTS ON TREE SAPLINGS AND HUMAN EARDRUMS. EH

MAY 21 – WHAT FORCES OF NATURE MAKE A TORNADO HAPPEN AND WAS THE MOORE, OK TORNADO AN EF-4 OR EF-5? BRIAN FREEMAN FOUND OUT FROM ACCUWEATHER'S BILL DAGER. EH

MAY 21 – A TORNADO ESTIMATED TO BE A MILE WIDE HIT MOORE, OKLAHOMA, FOR ABOUT AN HOUR BUT IT LANDED LONG ENOUGH TO CAUSE IMMENSE DAMAGE. OVER 51 PEOPLE ARE CONFIRMED TO BE DEAD, BUT THE NUMBERS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE ALMOST A HUNDRED. CBS NEWS' ANNA WERNER REPORTS ON THE UTTER DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY THE TORNADO. EH

MAY 21 – ARE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS IN RALEIGH READY FOR A TRAGEDY ON THE SCALE OF THE BOSTON BOMBINGS OR THE WEST, TEXAS EXPLOSION? BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED TO DR. ALEX ROSENAU OF AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY ABOUT THE FACTORS THAT DETERMINE IF AN AREA IS READY...OR NOT. EH

MAY 21 – BEING PREPARED FOR DISASTERS AT HOME IS SOMETHING THAT MOST PEOPLE DON'T THINK ABOUT, BUT IN LIGHT OF THE 2011 TORNADOES HERE AND THE MASSIVE TORNADO IN MOORE, OKLAHOMA YESTERDAY, NOW MIGHT BE THE RIGHT TIME TO THINK ABOUT HAVING SEVERAL DAYS OF SUPPLIES READY IN YOUR HOME. J.C. CONDON GAVE BRIAN FREEMAN SOME HELPFUL TIPS ON WHAT YOU NEED TO BE READY WHEN DISASTER STRIKES. EH

MAY 27 – WE COULDN'T ASK FOR BETTER WEATHER FOR THIS MEMORIAL DAY AND BRIAN FREEMAN FOUND OUT JUST HOW NICE OUR WEATHER WILL BE IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH ACCUWEATHERS JOHN GRISHACK. EH

MAY 28 – THIS COULD BE A HARSH HURRICANE SEASON WITH AN ABOVE AVERAGE NUMBER OF STORMS. THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, OR NOAA, IS FORECASTING 13 TO 20 NAMED ATLANTIC STORMS THIS HURRICANE SEASON. CBS' ANNE-MARIE GREENE SPEAKS WITH AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT MARSHALL SHEPHERD ABOUT WHAT'S BEHIND THE EXTREME WEATHER. EH

MAY 29 – A COALITION OF 60 CONSERVATION GROUPS SAY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S AGENDA WILL HARM NORTH CAROLINA'S ENVIRONMENT. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED TO JULIE MAYFIELD OF THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ALLIANCE ABOUT FRACKING AND OTHER ISSUES. EH

MAY 30 – HURRICANE SEASON STARTS THIS SATURDAY, SO WHAT CAN WE EXPECT THIS YEAR? WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH NICK PETRO (PEE-TRO) - A METEOROLOGIST WITH THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN RALEIGH - TO FIND OUT. EH

MAY 30 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-JAY BARNES ON THE NEW 4TH EDITION OF HIS "NORTH CAROLINA HURRICANE HISTORY"-EH

JUNE 3 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-NICK PETRO,NOAA NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE-HURRICANE AWARENESS-EH

JUNE 3 – RAIN AND THUNDERSTORMS ARE IN THE FORECAST FOR TODAY, PLUS THE NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER IS WATCHING A SYSTEM IN THE GULF OF MEXICO WHICH COULD AFFECT US LATER THIS WEEK. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS DETAILS FROM TODD MINER WITH ACCUWEATHER. EH

JUNE 6 – TROPICAL STORM ANDREA IS HEADING OUR DIRECTION AND RAIN RATHER THAN WIND WILL BE THE BIG PROBLEM OVER THE NEXT 36 HOURS. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED ABOUT THE STORM WITH ACCUWEATHER'S DAN D'PODWIN. EH

JUNE 7 – CONTINUOUS COVERAGE OF TROPICAL STORM ANDREA WITH NUMEROUS INTERVIEWS WITH REPORTERS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AND ACCUWEATHER UPDATES. EH

JUNE 7 – NORTH CAROLINA OFFICIALS ARE PREPARING FOR THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF TROPICAL STORM ANDREA, WHICH IS FORECAST TO IMPACT THE EASTERN AND CENTRAL PART OF THE STATE OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH THE MIKE CHARBONNEAU (SHAR-BINN-OH) AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WHO SAYS THEY'RE CLOSELY MONITORING THE 1ST NAMED STORM OF THE ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON. EH

JUNE 10 – RESIDENTS OF THE WAKE PINES AREA OF NORTH RALEIGH GOT A SHOCK WHEN A BLACK BEAR WAS SPOTTED MORE THAN ONCE THIS PAST WEEKEND. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. EH

JUNE 10 – IT MAY COME AS A SURPRISE THAT THE HONEY BEE IS A VITAL PART OF OUR AGRICULTURE SYSTEM AND SUCCESS. BUT IN RECENT YEARS, HONEY BEE HEALTH AS BEEN A CONCERN AND A DECLINE IN BEE POPULATION HAS CAUSED CONCERN AMONG RESEARCHERS. NOW, AN R-T-P COMPANY HAS LAUNCHED A MAJOR RESEARCH EFFORT THAT WILL SOON BE A HIVE OF ACTIVITY. MIKE DAVIS REPORTS. EH

JUNE 13 – WE COULD ENCOUNTER SEVERE STORMS THIS AFTERNOON, BUT THAT OPENS UP A GREAT WEATHER WEEKEND FOR FATHER'S DAY. BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE O ACCUWEATHER TO GET A SNEAK PEEK AT THE TRIANGLE, BEACH AND MOUNTAIN FORECAST. EH

JUNE 14 – LAST EVENING'S STORM CAUSED A LOT OF DAMAGE TO THE TRIANGLE AREA. WTVD TV'S CHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ REPORTS ON FALLEN TREES AND POWER OUTAGES IN YOUR AREA. EH

JUNE 14 – SEVERE STORMS RIPPED ACROSS THE AREA LAST EVENING LEAVING 150-THOUSAND WITHOUT POWER AND 66-THOUSAND IN WAKE COUNTY ALONE. BRIAN FREEMAN GOT DETAILS OF JUST HOW HIGH WIND SPEEDS WERE CLOCKED YESTERDAY FROM ACCUWEATHER'S DAN D'PODWIN. EH

JUNE 19 – THERE ARE NUMEROUS REPORTS OF TREES AND POWER LINES DOWN IN PARTS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY AFTER A POSSIBLE TORNADO LAST EVENING. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS. EH

JUNE 19 – AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER STEVE TROXLER HAS ISSUED AN EMERGENCY QUARANTINE AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF A RARE INSECT... THE EMERALD ASH BORER IN GRANVILLE, PERSON AND VANCE COUNTIES. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH TALKED TO THE NC AGRICULTURE PLANT AND PEST ADMINISTRATOR PHIL WILSON ABOUT THIS PESKY INSECT AND HOW IT COULD HURT THE STATE'S ASH TREE CROP. EH

GA – Government Affairs

APRIL 4 – THE SENATE AGREED WEDNESDAY TO DO AWAY COMPLETELY WITH NORTH CAROLINA'S RACIAL JUSTICE ACT. THE MEASURE WAS INCLUDED IN A BILL THAT INCLUDES SEVERAL CHANGES TO CAPITAL PUNISHMENT RULES DESIGNED TO RESTART EXECUTIONS AFTER A MORE THAN SIX-YEAR HIATUS. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS. GA

APRIL 4 – GUNS ARE STILL AN ONGOING ISSUE EVEN RIGHT HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA. FORMER BUSH SPEECH WRITER DOUG GRAHAM TALKS TO MORNING DRIVE HOST DOUG KELLETT ABOUT THE NC BILL THAT WOULD REQUIRE BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PEOPLE ON GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND... HOW TAXING AMMO IS THE NEXT STRATEGY FOR REGULATING GUNS. GA

APRIL 5 – YOU'D NEED A PHOTO ID IN ORDER TO VOTE FOR THE NEXT PRESIDENT UNDER LEGISLATION PROPOSED BY REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS ON THURSDAY. WPTF'S STEPHANIE HAWCO LOOKS AT THE DETAILS OF THEIR LONG-AWAITED VOTER ID BILL. GA

APRIL 9 – THE DEBATE OVER THE DOROTHEA DIX LAND LEASE WAS BACK CENTER STAGE IN RALEIGH MONDAY. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS ON WHAT BOTH OPPONENTS AND SUPPORTERS SPOKE ON. GA

APRIL 9 – THERE ARE THOUSANDS IN NORTH CAROLINA TO WHOM THE IRS MAY OWE BACK TAX REFUNDS, AND THE CLOCK IS TICKING. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH IRS SPOKESMAN DAN BOONE WHO SAYS THERE ARE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS UP FOR GRABS ... BUT THERE'S AN EXPIRATION DATE TO CLAIM THESE FUNDS, AND IT'S COMING VERY SOON. GA

APRIL 9 – WHERE COLLEGE STUDENTS CAST THEIR BALLOTS COULD BECOME AN EXPENSIVE PROPOSITION FOR THEIR PARENTS. STEPHANIE HAWCO REPORTS ON WHY THAT DECISION COULD COST MOM AND DAD SOME SERIOUS CASH. GA

APRIL 10 – A JUST RELEASED AUDIT OF THE NORTH CAROLIAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOUND THE AGENCY WASTED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS. WTVD TV'S JON CAMP REPORTS. GA

APRIL 11 – REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS GOT AN EARFUL OVER THEIR VOTER ID BILL FROM A CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST ON WEDNESDAY. STEPHANIE HAWCO HAS THE STORY. GA

APRIL 12 – REPUBLICAN LEGISLATORS ARE NOT WAITING FOR THE GOVERNOR TO IMPOSE NEW TEACHING STANDARDS. BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNED WITH BARLOW HERGET FROM SGRTODAY.COM. GA

APRIL 15 – THE WAKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE SAW A LOT OF ACTION AT ITS DOORSTEPS THIS WEEKEND AS DOZENS OF PEOPLE STOOD OUTSIDE ARMED WITH A MESSAGE TO DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN CONTROL. WTVD TV'S ALENA ATHENS REPORTS. GA

APRIL 22 – GOVERNOR MCCRORY TIES JOB OPPORTUNITIES TO EDUCATION AND TRANSPORTATION AND THE VOTER ID DEBATE HEATS UP AGAIN. STEPHANIE HAWCO LOOKS AT LAST WEEK IN THE CAPITOL. GA

APRIL 23 - STATE LAWMAKERS PASSED A BILL MONDAY NIGHT THAT REQUIRES PEOPLE WHO APPLY FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC BENEFITS TO TAKE A DRUG TEST FIRST. STEPHANIE HAWCO TELLS US WHY. GA

APRIL 25 – THE BATTLE OVER VOTER ID LEGISLATION PLAYED OUT ON THE HOUSE FLOOR WEDNESDAY. DESPITE EXPECTATIONS OF PROTESTS FROM OPPONENTS, STEPHANIE HAWCO REPORTS THAT THE DEBATE REMAINED CIVIL. GA

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APRIL 29 – VOTER ID, GUN LAW, CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS, AND THE MURDER OF A POLITICAL FUNDRAISER MADE NEWS IN THE CAPITOL LAST WEEK. STEPHANIE HAWCO LOOKS AT THE WEEK IN REVIEW. GA

APRIL 29 – ONCE AGAIN THE SALES TAX IS AT THE CENTER OF LEGISLATIVE DEBATE ON TAXES AND SPENDING. SENATOR BOB RUCHO WHO CHAIRS THE TAX-WRITING SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE TELLS BILL LUMAYE HIS PLAN TO ELIMINATE THE CORPORATE AND INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAXES IN FAVOR OF A SALES TAX THAT INCLUDES MORE SERVICES. GA

APRIL 30 – A NEW WORLD NET DAILY POLL SAYS THAT AMERICANS ARE MORE FEARFUL OF THE GOVERNMENT THAN AN ACT OF TERROR... COULD THIS REALLY BE TRUE? DOUG KELLETT, HOST OF THE MORNING DRIVE, TALKED WITH DOUG GRAHAM, FORMER BUSH ADMINISTRATION SPEECHWRITER, TO FIND OUT. GA

APRIL 30 – IN MID-APRIL THE STATE SUPREME COURT OVERTURNED DUKE ENERGY'S 7.2 PERCENT RATE INCREASE -- APPROVED LAST YEAR BY THE STATE UTILITIES COMMISSION -- SAYING THE INCREASE SET DID NOT CONSIDER THE STATE'S ECONOMY. CUSTOMERS, MEANWHILE, CONTINUE TO PAY THE HIGHER RATE, AND NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER TELLS WPTF'S JOSH ZACH THAT HIS OFFICE FILED A MOTION WITH THE COMMISSION TO STOP TO THE HIKE. GA

APRIL 30 – CHARLOTTE MAYOR ANTHONY FOXX HAS BEEN CHOSEN BY PRESIDENT OBAMA TO LEAD THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ DISCUSSED THE APPOINTMENT OF FOXX ... THE FIRST BLACK NOMINEE AMONG OBAMA'S PICKS FOR OPEN SPOTS IN HIS SECOND-TERM CABINET. GA

MAY 2 – A SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVED LEGISLATION ON WEDNESDAY TO END NORTH CAROLINA'S 6 YEAR-OLD RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM. STEPHANIE HAWCO TELLS US WHY, AND HOW IT MIGHT AFFECT THE STATE'S GREEN ENERGY COMPANIES. GA

MAY 3 – IN EARLY MAY THE SENATE IS SET TO VOTE ON THE MARKETPLACE FAIRNESS ACT OR THE COMMONLY REFERRED TO ONLINE SALES TAX BILL. IT SEEKS TO FORCE BUSINESSES TO COLLECT SALES TAX IN OVER 20 STATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. ANDREW RIDDLE, BUSINESS OWNER IN HENDERSONVILLE, TELLS BILL LUMAYE HE SUPPORTS THE BILL BECAUSE IT LEVELS THE PLAYING FIELD FOR SMALLER BUSINESSES. GA

MAY 6 – A NEW BOARD OF ELECTIONS FACES SOME TOUGH CHOICES AMID ACCUSATIONS OF ILLEGAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIGH-PROFILE POLITICIANS...TWO NORTH CAROLINA LEADERS ARE TAPPED BY PRESIDENT OBAMA WHILE ANOTHER STEPS DOWN...AND LEGISLATORS TACKLE TOPICS INCLUDING IMMIGRATION, ENERGY, AND EDUCATION. STEPHANIE HAWCO HAS THIS LOOK AT THE WEEK IN THE CAPITOL. GA

MAY 7 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY DELIVERED THE REPUBLICAN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT OBAMA'S WEEKLY RADIO AND INTERNET ADDRESS ON SATURDAY - AN ASSIGNMENT OFTEN AWARDED TO UP-AND-COMING LEADERS. STEPHANIE HAWCO REPORTS ON MCCRORY'S MESSAGE AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR HIM TO BE CHOSEN. GA

MAY 8 – THE CITY OF RALEIGH IS STARTING THE PROCESS TO FIND A CITY MANAGER TO REPLACE CITY MANAGER RUSSELL ALLEN--CHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ OF WTVD TV REPORTS THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS TO HIRE AN INTERIM CITY MANAGER. GA

MAY 8 – SEXUAL ASSAULTS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY UP IN THE MILITARY WITH OVER 26,000 REPORTS OF ABUSE. PLUS 17 OFFICERS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THEIR "COMMAND AND CONTROL" POSITIONS AT NUCLEAR WEAPONS LAUNCH SITES. WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE MILITARY? THAT'S THE QUESTION BRIAN FREEMAN ASKED OF CBS MILITARY CONSULTANT MAJOR MIKE LYONS. GA

MAY 8 – SENATE REPUBLICANS SAY TAXES WILL BE REDUCED BY ONE BILLION DOLLARS UNDER A REFORM PACKAGE THEY ANNOUNCED ON TUESDAY. AS STEPHANIE HAWCO REPORTS, PERSONAL AND CORPORATE INCOME TAXES WILL BE REDUCED, WHILE YOU PAY SALES TAX ON A WIDER ARRAY OF SERVICES. GA

MAY 10 – REDUCTION IN INCOME TAXES, ELIMINATING ESTATE TAX, REDUCTION IN THE SALES TAX RATE, ALL UNDER DISCUSSION BY STATE POLITICIANS. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED ABOUT THE ISSUES WITH BARLOW HERGET FROM SGRTODAY.COM. GA

MAY 13 – TAX REFORM TOPPED THE AGENDA...CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS LANDED BEHIND BARS AGAIN...AND LEGISLATORS VOTED FOR SCHOOL PRAYER AND TEACHING STUDENTS ABOUT THE RISKS OF ABORTION. STEPHANIE HAWCO HAS THIS LOOK AT LAST WEEK IN REVIEW IN THE CAPITAL. GA

MAY 14 – NORTH CAROLINA MAY BE CLOSER THAN EVER TO STOPPING PUPPY MILLS BEFORE THEY START. A TOUGH NEW BILL IS WORKING ITS WAY THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE, AND IT'S GETTING SOME HIGH-PROFILE SUPPORT. WTVD TV'S KELLI O'HARA REPORTS. GA

MAY 14 – ADVOCATES FOR THOUSANDS OF UNEMPLOYED NORTH CAROLINIANS ARE URGING LAWMAKERS TO PASS FOUR BILLS BEFORE A KEY DEADLINE THIS WEEK. STEPHANIE HAWCO REPORTS ON LEGISLATION THAT'S INTENDED TO PROTECT THE JOBLESS AND PUT THEM BACK TO WORK. GA

MAY 14 – NOW THAT THE IRS HAS ADMITTED IT HAS TARGETED GROUPS THAT ADVOCATE FOR LIMITED GOVERNMENT AND EDUCATION ON THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AND BILL OF RIGHTS, OUTRAGE AND CONCERN IS POURING IN. SENIOR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT DONNA MARTINEZ GOT REACTION TO THE IRS REVELATIONS FROM DALLAS WOODHOUSE OF AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY NORTH CAROLINA. GA

MAY 15 – THE IRS SCANDAL ISN'T GOING AWAY ANYTIME SOON. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN GETS THE LATEST FROM CBS' BOB FUSS IN WASHINGTON. GA

MAY 16 – WE'VE BEEN HEARING MORE TALK ABOUT ADDING SALES TAXES TO SERVICES, RANGING TO GETTING YOUR CAR REPAIRED, YOUR HAIR CUTS AND YOUR TAXES PREPARED. DON CURTIS, ON CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS, PERSUED THAT PART OF THE ISSUE RECENTLY, WITH HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS. GA

MAY 16 – NEW REPORTS HAVE ARISEN AFTER THE TALK OF THE IRS SCANDAL STATING THAT THE IRS HAD THE MICROSCOPE OVER, AMERICAN CHRISTIAN EVANGELIST, BILLY GRAHAM. DOUG KELLET OF THE MORNING DRIVE TALKS TO DOUG GRAHAM, FORMER BUSH SPEECHWRITER, TO FIND OUT IF THE REPORTS COULD POSSIBLY BE TRUE OR EVEN BELIEVABLE. GA

MAY 20 – ON SUNDAY WHITE HOUSE SENIOR ADVISOR DAN PFIEFFER DID A TOUR OF THE SUNDAY TALK SHOWS TO TRY AND CALM EVERYONE DOWN ABOUT THE IRS TARGETING TEA PARTY GROUPS SCANDAL. HE WAS THE ONE TASKED WITH ASSURING THE MASSES THAT THE WHITE HOUSE KNEW NOTHING, THAT THINGS WILL CHANGE IN THE FUTURE, AND THAT HEADS WILL ROLL. REPRESENTATIVE RENEE ELLMERS GIVES BILL LUMAYE HER COMMENTS ON THE SCANDAL AND WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN. GA

MAY 20 – THE PRESIDENT'S JOB APPROVAL RATINGS ARE DROPPING VERY QUICKLY IN LIGHT OF RECENT TROUBLES WITH THE BENGHAZI INVESTIGATION AND THE I.R.S. INCIDENT INVOLVING THE TEA PARTY. PAUL BEDARD FROM THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER GOES IN-DEPTH WITH BRIAN FREEMAN. GA

MAY 21 – THE FIGHT FOR GUN CONTROL HAS CAUSED CONTROVERSY IN OUR NATION FOR DECADES NOW. NIKKI GOESER(GO-SER), AUTHOR OF "DENIED A CHANCE, HOW GUN CONTROL HELPED A STALKER MURDER MY HUSBAND", TALKS WITH DOUG KELLETT ON HER THOUGHTS ON GUN LEGISLATION AND GUN FREE ZONES. GA

MAY 27 – THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WILL LIKELY BE DECISION FOR THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT. THE NATION'S HIGH COURT HAS SEVERAL CONTROVERSIAL CASES ON ITS HANDS. WTVB TV'S HEATHER WALLIGA REPORTS. GA

MAY 28 – THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS GETTING LOW MARKS FROM VOTERS ON PROPOSALS RANGING FROM TAX REFORM TO GUN CONTROL AND DRINKING WATER STANDARDS. TOM JENSEN OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING CRUNCHED THE NUMBERS WITH STEPHANIE HAWCO. GA

MAY 31 – PEOPLE WHO OWE CHILD SUPPORT WERE GIVEN A RARE OFFER IN DURHAM: AN AMNESTY DAY IN DURHAM AT THE COURTHOUSE AND SETTLE UP. AND AS WTVB TV'S ELANA ATHENS TELLS US AS PARENTS SETTLE UP, THEY'RE GETTING A CLEAN SLATE. GA

JUNE 6 – THE STATE HOUSE HAS APPROVED ITS VERSION OF A VOTER ID BILL -- AND IT AWAITS ACTION BY THE SENATE ...DON CURTIS SPOKE WITH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RAN

COBLE OF NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH ON CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS ABOUT THE IDEA WHICH IS GAINING POPULARITY WITH THE PUBLIC. GA

JUNE 6 – THE GOVERNMENT SAYS AN OLDER JEEP MODEL IS "DEFECTIVE" AND AT-RISK FOR GASOLINE FIRES IN REAR-END COLLISIONS. CHRYSLER DISPUTES THE CLAIM, WHICH WOULD MEAN THE RECALL OF 2.7 MILLION OF ITS SUVs. IN A RARE MOVE, THE COMPANY IS REFUSING TO RECALL THE VEHICLES. CBS' JIM AXELROD REPORTS. GA

JUNE 10 – A LANDMARK TAX BILL THAT REPUBLICANS PORTRAY AS A BOON FOR EVERYBODY - BUT DEMOCRATS CONTEND WOULD MOSTLY HELP THE RICH - WON PRELIMINARY APPROVAL IN THE STATE HOUSE ON FRIDAY FOLLOWING A TESTY 90-MINUTE DEBATE. WPTF'S MARLA ROTH DISCUSSED THE DETAILS WITH CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT STEPHANIE HAWCO. GA

JUNE 11 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY FACED SOME DAUNTING CHALLENGES WHEN HE TOOK OFFICE, INCLUDING AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE THAT IS AMONG THE HIGHEST IN THE NATION. THE GOVERNOR SAT DOWN WITH OUR OWN DON CURTIS TO TALK ABOUT HOW HE'S ADDRESSING NORTH CAROLINA'S MOST PRESSING ISSUE. GA

JUNE 13 – THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE HAS GIVEN INITIAL APPROVAL TO ITS STATE GOVERNMENT BUDGET PLAN FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. GA

JUNE 13 – GOVERNOR MCCRORY IS MAKING MAJOR POLICY CHANGES IN AN EFFORT TO BOOST NORTH CAROLINA'S ECONOMY AND MAKE THE STATE MORE COMPETITIVE WITH ITS NEIGHBORS. HE TALKED ABOUT HIS GAME PLAN WITH DON CURTIS ON CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS. GA

JUNE 14 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY IS SIX MONTHS INTO THE JOB, AND HE'S HAD A FEW EYE-OPENING MOMENTS. THE GOVERNOR SAT DOWN RECENTLY WITH DON CURTIS, OWNER OF THE CURTIS MEDIA GROUP AND WPTF, AND TALKED ABOUT CHANGES HE'D LIKE TO MAKE WHEN IT COMES TO HIRING AND FIRING STATE EMPLOYEES. GA

JUNE 17 – MANY SPENT THE WEEKEND TO ASSESS THE DAMAGE FROM THE LINE OF SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS. ON THIS WEEKEND'S EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS, DON CURTIS TALKED WITH STATE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER WAYNE GOODWIN ABOUT BEING CAUTIOUS ABOUT STORM SCAM ARTISTS WHO MAY TRY TO SEPARATE YOU FROM YOUR MONEY. GA

JUNE 18 – NC AG COMMISSIONER STEVE TROXLER SAYS HE IS PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS IN WASHINGTON ON THE 2013 FARM BILL. HE DISCUSSES IT WITH THE SOUTHERN FARM NETWORK'S RHONDA GARRISON. GA

JUNE 20 – EARLIER THIS MONTH THE US SENATE PASSED A FIVE-YEAR, HALF-TRILLION-DOLLAR FARM BILL THAT EXPANDS GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES FOR CROP INSURANCE WHILE MAKING SMALL CUTS TO FOOD STAMPS. BILL LUMAYE TALKS WITH DAREN BAKST, A RESEARCH FELLOW WITH THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION, ON HOW MUCH FOOD STAMPS ARE INTEGRATED INTO THE FARM BILL AND HOW THE BILL WILL IMPACT FARMERS IN OUR STATE. GA

JUNE 24 – THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION IS AN APPOINTEE OF REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY, BUT HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE IDEA OF A SEPARATE STATE BOARD REGULATING CHARTER SCHOOLS. HE TOOK THAT MATTER UP WITH BARLOW HERGET OF SGRTODAY.COM. GA

JUNE 27 – AN HISTORIC DAY ON MONDAY IN THE FIGHT FOR GAY RIGHTS. IN TWO RULINGS THE SUPREME COURT STRUCK DOWN PART OF A FEDERAL LAW DENYING FEDERAL BENEFITS TO MARRIED GAY COUPLES, AND CLEARED THE WAY FOR SAME-SEX MARRIAGES TO RESUME

IN CALIFORNIA. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EQUALITY NC STUART CAMPBELL TELLS WPTF'S MARLA ROTH WEDNESDAY WAS A BANNER DAY FOR MEMBERS OF HIS ORGANIZATION. GA

JUNE 27 – IN 2012 NORTH CAROLINA ADOPTED E VERFIY WHICH REMAIN VOLUNTARY IN MANY STATES. SENATE LEGISLATION ON IMMIGRATION CURRENTLY BEING DEBATED WOULD OVER THE ENTIRE VISA SYSTEM. FOR A CLOSER LOOK AT THE IMMIGRATION OVERHAUL SCOTT BRI SPOKE WITH MANU RAJU SENIOR CONGRESSIONAL REPORTER FOR POLITICO. GA

GR - Growth/Transportation/Roads

APRIL 2 – AUTOMAKERS RELEASE THEIR MARCH SALES FIGURES TODAY. BRIAN FREEMAN FINDS OUT FROM CBS' JEFF GILBERT WHAT THE NUMBERS ARE SAYING. GR

APRIL 8 -TOM KEARNEY SHOW -THOMAS OWEN OF TAO AUTO-ANSWERS LISTENERS QUESTIONS ON AUTO PROBLEMS-GR

APRIL 25 – IF THE SECURITY AT THE AIRPORT WASN'T ENOUGH TO IRRITATE TRAVELERS, THE EVEN LONGER LINES AT THE GATES COULD DO THE TRICK. THE RECENT FURLOUGHS OF 10% AMERICA'S AIR-TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS HAVE CAUSED HOURS OF DELAYS AND HUNDREDS OF CANCELLATIONS ACROSS THE NATION. LENWOOD BROOKS, POLICY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC NOTICE, TELLS BILL LUMAYE ABOUT THE FAA BLAMING BUDGETS CUTS FOR THE FURLOUGH OF THOSE AIR-TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS. GR

APRIL 26 – INRIX HAS RELEASED A NEW REPORT OF THE 100 WORST TRAFFIC CITIES IN AMERICA. SO, WHAT NORTH CAROLINA CITIES MADE THE LIST AND WHERE DO THEY RANK? WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH JIM BAK (PRONOUNCED BOCK) WITH INRIX TO FIND OUT. GR

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MAY 1 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DEAN BAILEY AND DON GRIFFIN -MECHANICS TALK CAR PROBLEMS AND REPAIR - GR

MAY 2 – AMTRAK IS LOOKING TO CONGRESS FOR MORE MONEY AS SEQUESTRATION CONTINUES. BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE WITH STEVE KLUM WITH AMTRAK ABOUT WHAT THEY NEED FOR THE FUTURE. GR

MAY 8 – SMARTPHONE'S HELP US IN MANY WAYS, BUT LIKE MANY THINGS, THEY ALSO CAN BE USED IN WAYS THAT CAN CREATE PROBLEMS. ONE OF THESE WAYS IS TO TEXT WHILE DRIVING. MANY STATES, INCLUDING NORTH CAROLINA, NOW HAVE BANS ON THIS ACTIVITY. N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN CONSIDERS WHETHER THESE BANS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL. GR

MAY 10 – WITH LESS THAN YEAR TO GO BEFORE REOPENING, WE'RE LEARNING ABOUT HOW MUCH EASIER IT WILL BE USE THE RENOVATED TERMINAL 1 AT RALEIGH-DURHAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ... BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH THE AIRPORT'S MINDY HAMLIN ABOUT MORE ABOUT WHAT FOOD OFFERINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE AS WELL AS YOU WILL BE ABLE TO BETTER USE ALL OF YOUR NEW FANGLED GADGETS. GR

MAY 10 – A WOMAN AND HER FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR WERE INJURED WHEN THE SINGLE-ENGINE PLANE THEY WERE IN CRASHED THURSDAY EVENING IN JOHNSTON COUNTY. WTVD TV 'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS. GR

MAY 13 – TRAFFIC ALERT FOR DRIVERS IN THE BULL CITY... THE D-O-T WILL BEGIN WORK ON THE MAIN STREET BRIDGE OVER CAMPUS DRIVE NEAR DUKE... THE WORK STARTS AT 10 THIS MORNING... HERE'S WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON IN DURHAM. GR

MAY 20 – WORK IS NOW UNDERWAY ON A SECTION OF THE ANNIE JONES GREENWAY IN CARY -- BRUCE FERRELL GOT AN UPDATE ON THE PROJECT FROM TOWN LANDSCAPE ENGINEER AMY MCINTOSH. GR

MAY 27 – THIS IS SCARY ... A RECENT STUDY SHOWS PEOPLE ARE SO "DRIVEN" TO "WORK AROUND THE CLOCK" -- AND SO STRESSED OUT -- THAT A SURPRISING PERCENTAGE OF THEM HAVE ADMITTED TO AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR. AND WITH TRAFFIC EXPECTED TO BE EXTREMELY HEAVY TODAY ... YOU WILL WANT TO PAY ATTENTION TO THIS STORY FROM WPTF'S ANGRIST NEWSMAN, JOSH ZACH. GR

MAY 30 – THE DEATH OF A TODDLER IN A HIGH SPEED ACCIDENT YESTERDAY HAS MANY LOOKING AT THE TROUBLE WITH SPEED, ACCIDENTS AND OUR ROAD DESIGNS. BRIAN FREEMAN AND PATRICK JOHNSON DISCUSSED THESE ITEMS AND MORE IN TODAY'S REPORTER'S ROUNDUP. GR

MAY 31 – A LOCAL COUPLE IS BACK ON DRY LAND AFTER THEIR CRUISE TO THE BAHAMAS WAS CUT SHORT BY A FIRE ON ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S GRANDEUR OF THE SEAS. WTVD'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS THAT EVEN THOUGH THE EXPERIENCE WAS HORRIFIC THEY ARE STILL DETERMINED TO CRUISE AGAIN. GR

MAY 31 – HURRICANE SEASON STARTS SATURDAY, AND NORTH CAROLINA'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS ARE PREPARING TO HANDLE ITS EFFECTS FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE COAST. AS STEPHANIE HAWCO REPORTS, THEY'RE TAKING A CUE FROM OTHER STATES IN HOW TO RESPOND TO DISASTERS. GR

MAY 31 – THREE COMPETING PLANS WERE PRESENTED THIS WEEK BY GOP LEADERS WITH INTENTIONS TO OVERHAUL NORTH CAROLINA'S TAX SYSTEM. WTVD TV'S CHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ REPORTS LOWER INCOME FAMILIES WILL GET HURT IF EVEN JUST ONE IS MADE INTO LAW. GR

JUNE 25 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW - MECHANICS DON GRIFFIN AND DEAN BAILEY ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT CAR PROBLEMS. GR

JUNE 25 – NORTH CAROLINA NOW HAS THE LOWEST CAR INSURANCE OF ANY STATE IN THE SOUTH, THANKS TO INCREASED SAFETY AND LOWER TRAFFIC COLLISIONS. DON CURTIS SPOKE WITH WAYNE GOODWIN, THE NC DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONER, ON CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS ABOUT CAR INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND HEALTH INSURANCE. GR

JUNE 27 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY SIGNED A BILL ON WEDNESDAY THAT WILL OVERHAUL HOW TRANSPORTATION DOLLARS ARE SPENT IN NORTH CAROLINA. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED TO TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY TONY TATA ABOUT WHAT THAT MEANS TO ROAD PROJECTS ACROSS THE STATE. GR

HO – Housing

APRIL 10 – IF YOUR AREA IS ABOUT TO BE FLOODED, HERE ARE SOME IDEAS THAT MAY HELP YOU REDUCE DAMAGE TO YOUR HOME AND YOURSELF. GARY CRAWFORD HAS THE STORY. HO

MAY 6 – THE TREMENDOUS RUN-UP IN HOUSING PRICES FROM 1997 TO 2006, WHICH ULTIMATELY LED TO THE HOUSING CRASH, HAS BEEN BLAMED ON MANY THINGS: LENDERS,

RATING AGENCIES, INSURERS, GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY AND CHEAP MONEY PROVIDERS HAVE ALL HAD FINGERS POINTED AT THEM AS CAUSING THE HOUSING BUBBLE. NC STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN EXPLORES. HO

MAY 16 – HOW FAR WILL THE HOUSING MARKET REBOUND? STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN SEES A HOUSING MARKET THAT'S JUST RIGHT, NOT TOO COLD AND NOT TO HOT. HO

MAY 17 – THERE ARE SIGNS THAT THE HOUSING MARKET MAY BE COMING BACK BUT NOT ON ALL LEVELS. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS MORE FROM AMANDA HOYLE AT THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL. HO

MAY 20 – HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU'RE BUYING THE RIGHT HOME? THE GOLDEN RULE HAS ALWAYS BEEN "LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION," BUT THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN THAT. MARIAN CASSADO, AUTHOR OF "BUYING THE RIGHT HOME," SITS DOWN WITH "CBS THIS MORNING" TO TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING INTO THE HOUSING MARKET. HO

MAY 31 – MANAGING FINANCES IS A MAJOR CHALLENGE FOR AMERICANS ACCORDING TO A RECENT STUDY. THE INVESTOR EDUCATION FOUNDATION COMPILED THE DATA AND WPTF'S BRUCE FERRELL SPOKE WITH THE FOUNDATION'S PRESIDENT, GERRI WALSH, TO SEE WHERE NORTH CAROLINIANS MEASURED UP WHEN COMPARED TO THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. HO

JUNE 4 – IF YOU'RE TRYING TO SELL YOUR HOUSE, FIRST IMPRESSIONS MATTER. WTVD TV'S AMBER RUPENTA WITH MORE. HO

HSM – Health, Safety and Medical Affairs

APRIL 2 – IT'S A SIGN OF THE CHANGING MEDICAL LANDSCAPE -- JOHNSTON COUNTY HEALTH IS WORKING TO FORM AN ALLIANCE WITH ONE OF THE LARGER UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SYSTEM IN THE STATE .. RICK MARTINEZ TALKED WITH CHUCK ELLIOT, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF JOHNSTON HEALTH. HSM

APRIL 2 – DEPRESSION MAY INHIBIT THE ANTI-INFLAMMATORY EFFECTS, TYPICALLY ASSOCIATED WITH PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, AND RESEARCH SUGGESTS PEOPLE SUFFERING WITH DEPRESSION MAY NOT REAP THE FULL BENEFITS OF HEALTHY BEHAVIORS. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DR. EDWARD SUAREZ AT DUKE MEDICINE -- LEAD AUTHOR OF A NEW STUDY -- WHO SAYS INFLAMMATION INCREASES THE RISK FOR HEART DISEASE, AND THE FINDINGS SUGGEST THAT DEPRESSION COULD BE A COMPLICATING RISK FACTOR. HSM

APRIL 3 – DOCTORS WANT TO SAVE PATIENTS FROM ACCIDENTAL DRUG OVERDOSES THROUGH FASTER TRACKING OF PRESCRIPTIONS FOR PAINKILLERS AND OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES. STEPHANIE HAWCO TELLS US ABOUT THE SOLUTION THEY'RE PROPOSING. HSM

APRIL 5 – GOING BALD MAY BE TROUBLE FOR SOME MEN CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR LOOKS BUT A NEW STUDY POINTS TO BIGGER CONCERNS -- BALDNESS COULD BE A SIGN OF HEART TROUBLE. NEW YORK PRESBYTERIAN'S DR. LORI MOSCA SPEAKS ABOUT THE STUDY WITH THE "CBS THIS MORNING." HSM

APRIL 9 -TOM KEARNEY SHOW -OUITA DAVIS GATTAN,PHARMACIST-SUGGETIONS FOR SPRING-SUMMER MEDICINE KIT-HSM

APRIL 11 – SNIFFLING ... SNEEZING ... ITCHING ... ACHING ... A SOMEWHAT PROLONGED WINTER DELAYED THE START OF ALLERGY SEASON, BUT IF YOU NOTICED THE YELLOW COATING ON YOUR VEHICLE, THERE NO MISTAKING IT; ALLERGY SEASON HAS ARRIVED.

RUMOR HAS IT THAT THIS SEASON WILL BE WORST THAN OTHERS, BUT DR. AZRA SHAIKH (AZRUH SHAKE) AT DUKE PRIMARY CARE PEAK FAMILY MEDICINE IN APEX SAYS THE SEVERITY OF THE SEASON IS RELATIVE TO WHERE YOU LIVE. HSM

APRIL 12 – THE RISING COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE HAS HAD A SUBSTANTIAL IMPACT ON COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS. A NEW STUDY BY THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION SHOWS SOME DISCOURAGING NEWS FOR EMPLOYEES ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND ESPECIALLY IN NORTH CAROLINA, RELYING ON THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON SPOKE WITH CATHY HEMSTEAD- WITH THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION- ABOUT THE NEW STUDY AND THE IMPACT OF THE RECENT RESULTS. HSM

APRIL 15 – LONGER DAYS, WARMER WEATHER...AND BUG BITES? 'TIS THE SEASON FOR ALL THREE. AND BEING NIBBLED ON BY MOSQUITOES COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO YOUR HEALTH. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH OUTDOORSMAN AND SPORTS LEGEND HALL OF FAME BABE WINKLEMAN TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE DISEASE ASSOCIATED WITH MOSQUITOES - WEST NILE VIRUS- AND HOW YOU CAN PREVENT FROM GETTING IT. HSM

APRIL 15 – SO MANY PARENTS OUT THERE ARE WONDERING IF WE OVERMEDICATE KIDS OR EVEN IF ADHD IS REAL... AUTHOR OF THE BOOK "AUTISM: THE SCIENTIFIC TRUTH ABOUT PREVENTING, DIAGNOSING, AND TREATING AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS", DR. ROBERT MELILLO, TELLS MORNING DRIVE HOST DOUG KELLETT THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT THIS DISORDER. HSM

APRIL 15 – HUNDREDS OF TRIANGLE RESIDENTS ARE WAKING UP WITH A SMILE TODAY/WOKE UP WITH A SMILE TODAY, FOLLOWING A DENTAL CLINIC IN CARY THIS WEEKEND WHERE EVERYTHING FROM CLEANING, FILLINGS AND MORE SERIOUS REPAIR WORK CAME FREE OF CHARGE. WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON TAKES US THERE. HSM

APRIL 18 – DR. KIMBERLY BLACKWELL IS A HIGHLY-REGARDED CLINICIAN AT THE DUKE BREAST CANCER CLINIC, AND THE LEAD INVESTIGATOR OF TDM-1. APPROVED BY THE FDA EARLIER THIS YEAR, TDM-1 ATTACKS BREAST CANCER IN A WHOLE NEW WAY, AND IT'S THIS REASON THAT BLACKWELL HAS BEEN CHOSEN BY TIME MAGAZINE AS ONE OF THE 100 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN THE WORLD FOR 2013. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DR. BLACKWELL ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE ON THE ANNUAL LIST, UNVEILED JUST THIS MORNING. HSM

APRIL 18 – OKLAHOMA CITY, 911, AURORA... NOW THE BOSTON BOMBING...WE HAVE GONE THROUGH A LOT OF TRAUMA OVER THE YEARS, BUT HOW DOES THAT WEIGH ON OUR PSYCHE AND WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO IN A STATE OF DEPRESSION? DR GREG JANTZ JOINS DOUG KELLETT OF THE MORNING DRIVE TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS. HSM

APRIL 22 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-JOE GRAEDON OF THE PEOPLES PHARMACY-ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND HOME REMEDIES- HSM

APRIL 23 - STUDENTS EDUCATING STUDENTS. THAT'S THE IDEA BEHIND A CONTEST -- SPONSORED BY NORTH CAROLINA'S ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE -- TO HELP FIGHT PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE AND OVERDOSE. THE CONTEST DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED, AND WPTF'S JOSH ZACH TALKED TO ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER ABOUT THE INITIATIVE AIMED AT EDUCATING YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT THE DANGERS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. HSM

APRIL 29 – SHELTER WORKERS IN STOKES COUNTY HAVE EUTHANIZED A DOZEN DOGS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF A DEADLY VIRUS, AND THE COUNTY MANAGER SAYS MORE ANIMALS WILL BE PUT DOWN SOON TO STOP THE SPREAD OF THE PARVOVIRUS. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DR. BRENDA STEVENS WITH THE NC STATE COLLEGE OF

VETERINARY MEDICINE TO LEARN THE DANGERS OF PARVO, AND HOW WE CAN PROTECT OUR PETS FROM THE VIRUS. HSM

APRIL 29 – FIVE CASES OF MEASLES, INCLUDING FOUR CHILDREN AND ONE ADULT, HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED IN ORANGE COUNTY. THE CHILDREN RANGE IN AGE FROM 9 TO 11. THREE OF THE CHILDREN ATTEND EMERSON WALDORF SCHOOL IN CHAPEL HILL AND ONE ATTENDS GRADY BROWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN HILLSBOROUGH. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED ABOUT IT WITH ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH DIRECTOR, DR. COLLEEN BRIDGER. HSM

APRIL 29 – A CANADIAN MEDICAL COMPANY WITH AN OPERATION IN RTP IS WORKING ON A FLU VACCINE THAT'S DERIVED FROM A TOBACCO-LIKE PLANT. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH MEDICAGO VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS, MIKE WANNER, WHO SHARED NEW RESULTS OF A CLINICAL TRIAL FOR THEIR H5N1 VACCINE. HSM

MAY 1 – ONE OF THE FEW REMAINING FIRSTS IN PROFESSIONAL SPORTS HAPPENED MONDAY WHEN NBA JOURNEYMAN CENTER JASON COLLINS ADMITTED IN SPORTS ILLUSTRATED THAT HE'S GAY. WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKS WITH BLEACHER REPORT-DOT-COM COLUMNIST DAN LEVY WHO'S COLUMN TALKING ABOUT THE MEDIA'S REACTION TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE L-A TIMES. HSM

MAY 7 – IN THE WAKE OF A RECENT NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE STUDY, THE MEDITERRANEAN STYLE OF EATING IS BEING CELEBRATED AS ONE OF THE HEALTHIEST IN THE WORLD. BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNED MORE FROM BARILLA EXECUTIVE CHEF LORENZO BONI. HSM

MAY 8 – BREAST CANCER IS A DEVASTATING DISEASE THAT, DESPITE INCREASED AWARENESS, STILL CLAIMS FAR TOO MANY LIVES. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH BETTY DEDON (DEE-DONE)- A BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR- ABOUT THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE AVERAGE WOMAN COULD BE DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER, AND THE BENEFITS OF EARLY DETECTION. HSM

MAY 8 – TREATING DEPRESSION CAN BE A CHALLENGE. A COMMON APPROACH IS MEDICATION, BUT IT CAN SOMETIMES CAUSE SIDE EFFECTS. DOCTORS AT DUKE ARE RESEARCHING SOMETHING DIFFERENT, A NEW DEVICE THAT'S NON-EVASIVE AND SAFE. WTVD TV'S TISHA POWELL HAS MORE ON A DEVICE CALLED N.E.S.T, WHICH USES MAGNETIC FIELDS TO CHANGE BRAIN FUNCTION. HSM

MAY 8 – FOR NEARLY 90 YEARS, RESEARCH DONE THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HAS IMPROVED THE LIVES OF VETS THROUGH HEALTH CARE DISCOVERY AND INNOVATION. NEXT WEEK, MAY 13TH THROUGH 17TH, IS V.A. RESEARCH WEEK -- A PERIOD WHEN THE V.A. HONORS VOLUNTEERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH STUDIES, AND WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DR. JOEL KUPERSMITH -- CHIEF R&D OFFICER WITH VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION -- TO TALK ABOUT SOME OF WHAT THE V.A. HAS ACHIEVED IN THE REALM OF RESEARCH AND RESEARCHERS AND TREATMENT. HSM

MAY 8 – TYPE 2 DIABETES IS A GROWING PROBLEM IN NORTH CAROLINA AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DR. RICHARD AGUILAR (AG-U-LAR) TO FIND OUT HOW MANY PEOPLE IT AFFECTS, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TYPE 1 AND TYPE 2, AND PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES. HSM

MAY 9 – ONE OF THE COMPANIES BLAMED FOR FUELING THE OBESITY CRISIS IS LAUNCHING AN INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE HEALTHIER LIFESTYLES. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. HSM

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MAY 9 – NEW RESEARCH OUT OF DUKE UNIVERSITY IS CONFIRMING A DECADES OLD HYPOTHESIS THAT A GENETIC MUTATION DURING FETAL DEVELOPMENT IS THE CAUSE OF A VERY COMMON BIRTH DEFECT, AS WELL AS A MORE SERIOUS AND RARE DISORDER. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE DETAILS WITH DR. DOUGLAS MARCHUK AT DUKE'S DEPARTMENT OF MOLECULAR GENETICS AND MICROBIOLOGY. HSM

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MAY 13 – IRON OVERLOAD, ALSO KNOWN AS THALASSEMIA (THAL-UH-SEA-ME-UH), IS A GROWING PROBLEM, ESPECIALLY FOR SOME ETHNICITIES. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DR. ELLIOT VICHINSKY (VUH-CHIN-SKEE)- THE DIRECTOR OF HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY AT THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND RESEARCH CENTER IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA- TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE DISEASE, HOW TO TREAT IT, AND HOW MUCH IRON IS TOO MUCH. HSM

MAY 14 – USDA TAKES AIM AT IMPROVING THE DIET QUALITY OF AMERICANS ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. SUSAN CARTER REPORTS. HSM

MAY 14 – THE GOVERNMENT HAS HALTED A STUDY TESTING TREATMENTS FOR A BRAIN CONDITION THAT CAN CAUSE STROKES, STATING THAT EARLY RESULTS SUGGEST INVASIVE THERAPIES ARE RISKIER THAN PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DR. LARRY GOLDSTEIN -- DIRECTOR OF THE DUKE STROKE CENTER -- TO LEARN ABOUT THIS RARE CONDITION KNOWN AS A.V.M. HSM

MAY 15 – USING "R & D," THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HAS IMPROVED THE HEALTH CARE OF VETS AND -- ALL THIS WEEK -- THE V.A. IS HONORING VOLUNTEERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN IT'S RESEARCH STUDIES DURING V.A. RESEARCH WEEK ... WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DR. JOEL KUPERSMITH -- CHIEF R&D OFFICER WITH THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION -- TO TALK ABOUT SOME THE V.A.'S ACHIEVEMENTS. HSM

MAY 15 – WE'VE BEEN HEARING FOR A LONG TIME THAT WE SHOULDN'T EAT TOO MUCH SALT. BUT HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH? AND HOW MUCH DO WE REALLY EAT IN CONTRAST WITH THE RECOMMENDED AVERAGES? WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DR. JAMY ARD, CO-DIRECTOR OF THE WEIGHT MANAGEMENT CENTER AT WAKE FOREST BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER, ABOUT A NEW REPORT -- JUST RELEASED -- ON OUR POPULATION'S SODIUM INTAKE. HSM

MAY 15 – PARENTS WHO ARE SPENDING MONEY OUT OF POCKET TO PAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN'S AUTISM TREATMENT ARE ASKING HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES TO HELP FOOT THE BILL. STEPHANIE HAWCO EXPLAINS. HSM

MAY 16 – EYESIGHT IS SOMETHING WE CAN TAKE FOR GRANTED UNTIL IT GETS BAD. THAT'S WHY MAY HAS BEEN DEEMED HEALTHY VISION MONTH. ALL THIS MONTH, EYE PROFESSIONALS ARE PROMOTING EYE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF EYE EXAMS. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DR. RACHEL BISHOP - CHIEF OF CONSULT

SERVICES WITH THE NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE - TO FIND OUT HOW PREVALENT EYE DISEASE IS AMONG AMERICANS, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, NORTH CAROLINIANS. HSM

MAY 16 – MAY IS NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH, AND PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS ARE USING THIS TIME TO REMIND YOU ABOUT THE CORRELATION BETWEEN AFIB (AY-FIB) AND STROKES. SO, WHAT IS AFIB AND HOW IS IT RELATED TO A STROKE? WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON FOUND OUT FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY ALUMNUS AND CURRENT PROFESSOR OF CLINICAL MEDICINE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, DOCTOR JAMES REIFFEL (RAY-FELL). HSM

MAY 16 – NEARLY A MONTH AFTER THE BUILDING COLLAPSE THAT KILLED MORE THAN 11-HUNDRED GARMENT WORKERS IN BANGLADESH, THE WORLD'S BIGGEST RETAILER SAYS IT WANTS TO IMPROVE SAFETY CONDITIONS THERE -- ITS OWN WAY. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. HSM

MAY 17 – IT'S CALLED A SILENT DISEASE, WITH MILLIONS OF AMERICANS HAVING IT, BUT NOT KNOWING IT. SO, WHAT IS THE DISEASE? IT'S HEPATITIS C. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DR. ROBERT BROWN - WITH THE CENTER FOR LIVER DISEASE AND TRANSPLANTATION AT NEW YORK-PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL - TO FIND OUT WHAT HEPATITIS C IS, SOME OF THE SYMPTOMS, AND HOW TO TREAT OR PREVENT IT. HSM

MAY 21 – A HARNETT COUNTY FAMILY SPENT HOURS TRYING TO CONTACT THEIR SON IN MOORE, OKLA. IN THE HOURS AFTER A MASSIVE TORNADO LEVELED MOST OF THE TOWN. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. HSM

MAY 21 – OVER SIXTY SENATORS ARE CALLING FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA TO REDUCE THE CURRENT BACKLOG OF VETERANS' DISABILITY CLAIMS. ONE OF THOSE SENATORS FOR REDUCING THE CLAIMS LIST IS SENATOR KAY HAGAN. SHE TALKS WITH BILL LUMAYE ON WHY SHE WANTS THE ISSUE RESOLVED. HSM

MAY 27 – TICK POPULATIONS ARE EXPANDING, CAUSING MORE WORRIES ABOUT LYME DISEASE. GARY CRAWFORD HAS AN EXPERT WITH SOME TIPS FOR KEEPING TICKS OFF OF YOU. HSM

MAY 27 – THIS PAST FRIDAY WE OBSERVED NATIONAL DON'T FRY DAY, A DAY THE F-D-A USED TO SPREAD AWARENESS TO THE DANGERS OF SKIN CANCER, AND NEW RULES REGARDING SUNSCREEN LABELING. AND TODAY IS SUNSCREEN DAY! WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH THE FDA'S DR. REYNOLD TAN TO GET SOME TIPS FOR SUN PROTECTION AND FIND OUT WHAT ARE THE NEW RULES GOVERNING SUNSCREEN LABELING. HSM

MAY 27 – YOU MIGHT BE PREPARING TO HAVE A BARBEQUE TODAY TO CELEBRATE MEMORIAL DAY, BUT IF YOU DO YOU WILL WANT TO AVOID SOME FOODS. WPTF'S BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED WITH DR. HAROLD KATZ - A BREATH EXPERT - TO FIND OUT THE TOP FIVE FOODS TO AVOID THAT CAUSE BAD BREATH, HOW TO TELL IF YOUR BREATH STINKS, AND HOW TO KEEP YOUR BREATH FRESH. HSM

MAY 29 – IN THE LEAD-UP TO MEMORIAL DAY, EFFORTS TO END THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DISABILITY CLAIMS BACKLOG HAVE REACHED NEW HEIGHTS. ACCORDING TO THE NUMBERS RELEASED BY THE VA LAST WEEK, ALMOST 900,000 VETERANS ARE AWAITING FOR DISABILITY BENEFITS CLAIMS. 67% OF THOSE VETERANS HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THAN 125 DAYS FOR DECISIONS AND CARE. BILL LUMAYE TALKS WITH JANE HORTON, A VETERANS ADVOCATE, ABOUT THIS ALARMING ISSUE AND WHY THERE IS SUCH A LONG WAIT. HSM

MAY 29 – STRESS-INDUCED HEART ATTACKS COULD FIND TREATMENT WITH AN ANTI-DEPRESSANT DRUG ... WPTF CORRESPONDENT JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE DUKE HEART CENTER, DR. CHRISTOPHER O'CONNOR, ABOUT A A NEW STUDY HE'S

AUTHORED THAT SHOWS THE DRUG LEXAPRO -- USED TO TREAT DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY -
- MAY IMPROVE HEART CONDITIONS THAT ARE BROUGHT ON BY STRESS. HSM

MAY 30 – AMERICA'S HEALTH RANKINGS RELEASED A SENIOR REPORT THAT SAID THAT WHILE AMERICANS ARE LIVING LONGER, THEY AREN'T LIVING HEALTHIER. BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH DR. RHONDA RANDALL. HSM

JUNE 4 – THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION ESTIMATES THAT NEARLY 18 PERCENT OF U.S. KIDS ARE OBESE, WITH NORTH CAROLINA RANKING 14TH IN OBESITY RATES. BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH LISA GABLE, PRESIDENT OF THE WEIGHT COMMITMENT FOUNDATION, WHICH LOOKS TO IMPLEMENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS TO INCREASE NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL FITNESS IN CHILDREN. HSM

JUNE 5 – THE FIGHT AGAINST KILLER BACTERIA JUST GOT STRONGER... WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DUKE'S DR. VANCE FOWLER JR. -- ONE OF SEVERAL INVESTIGATORS CHOSEN TO OVERSEE A NATIONWIDE RESEARCH PROGRAM ON THE PROBLEM -- WHO SAYS FEDERAL GRANT MONEY WILL ALLOW RESEARCHERS TO STUDY, DESIGN, DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT CLINICAL RESEARCH ON ANTIBACTERIAL RESISTANCE. HSM

JUNE 5 – WHEN WE GO THROUGH OUR LIVES THE SMALLEST THINGS FROM DISHES NOT BEING CLEAN OR GETTING A BIRTHDAY CARD FROM A FAMILY MEMBER CAN HAVE A BIG IMPACT ON THE REST OF YOUR DAY. THESE FEELINGS--WHETHER POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE -- COME FROM WHAT EMPOWERS US EITHER FORWARD OR BACKWARD. THIS IDEA COMES FROM THE BOOK "I AM: THE POWER OF DISCOVERING WHO YOU REALLY ARE". THE AUTHOR HOWARD FALCO TALKS WITH WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON THE POWER OF A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND THE EFFECT IT HAS ON OUR LIVES. HSM

JUNE 5 – GOOGLE IS WORKING ON A NEW VOICE RECOGNITION PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS THE USER TO CHECK ON HEALTH RELATED ITEMS IN AN INSTANT. BRIAN FREEMAN INVESTIGATED THE NEW PROGRAMS EFFECTIVENESS WITH TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN. HSM

JUNE 6 – WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT MEAL OF THE DAY? WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO EXERCISE? TO SEPARATE THE FACTS FROM OPINIONS, WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DIETICIAN JUDY HINDERLITER. HSM

JUNE 10 – WITH MEDICAL SPENDING OUT OF CONTROL, SOME NON-PROFIT HOSPITALS ARE MAKING A LOT OF MONEY. CBS' TERRELL BROWN TAKES A LOOK AT A HIGHLY RESPECTED ONE -- THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH MEDICAL CENTER -- THAT'S REAPING BIG PROFITS. HSM

JUNE 10 – CANCER SURVIVORS WHO LIVE IN RURAL AREAS AREN'T AS HEALTHY AS THOSE LIVING IN URBAN ENVIRONMENTS, ACCORDING TO NEW RESEARCH FROM WAKE FOREST BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE DATA WITH WAKE FOREST PH.D., KATHRYN WEAVER, TO FIND OUT WHY CANCER SURVIVORS LIVING IN THE COUNTRY HAVE DIFFERENT OUTCOMES THAN THEIR CITY-LIVING COUNTERPARTS. HSM

JUNE 11 – NELSON MANDELA HAS BEEN TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL AGAIN, A LOW-CAB DIET COULD REVERSE THE SYMPTOMS OF AUTISM, AND A LOT OF MONEY IS GOING INTO A NEW DIABETES MEDICATION. HERE'S KERRI DAVIS WITH HEALTHBEAT. HSM

JUNE 11 – DUE TO A VARIETY OF FACTORS, SUICIDES ARE ON THE RISE IN THE UNITED STATES. BUT, WHICH AGE GROUP IS SEEING THE BIGGEST RISE AND HOW TO CONTROL THE RECENT INCREASE MAY SURPRISE YOU. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DR. JOHN SALERNO TO FIND OUT MORE. HSM

JUNE 11 – NEW DATA OUT OF WAKE FOREST BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER SHOWS CANCER SURVIVORS WHO LIVE IN RURAL AREAS AREN'T AS HEALTHY AS THOSE LIVING IN URBAN ENVIRONMENTS. WAKE FOREST PH.D., KATHRYN WEAVER TELLS WPTF'S JOSH ZACH THAT SEVERAL FACTORS WERE LOOKED AT, INCLUDING THE AGE OF THE PATIENT, AND THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL AMENITIES. HSM

JUNE 13 – FEDERAL AND STATE INSPECTORS ARE ON THE SCENE AT THE BOONE BEST WESTERN, LOOKING FOR ANSWERS IN THE DEATHS OF THREE PEOPLE AND INJURY TO ANOTHER. WATA'S STEVE FRANK HAS THE LATEST. HSM

JUNE 13 – MORE THAN 50 MILLION AMERICANS MUST PROVIDE LONG-TERM CARE TO A PARENT WITH ALZHEIMER'S. AND THAT WAS THE CASE FOR OUR OWN BRIAN FREEMAN AND FOR RALEIGH AUTHOR CARRIE KNOWLES WHO TURNED HER EXPERIENCE INTO A BOOK CALLED THE "THE LAST CHILDHOOD." KNOWLES SPOKE OF THE EMOTIONAL TOLL THE DISEASE CAN HAVE ON CAREGIVERS. HSM

JUNE 14 – HOW DO YOU HANDLE STRESS LEVELS AND HOW CAN YOU LOWER IT? PAUL HULJICH (HUL- ICH), AUTHOR OF "STRESS PANDEMIC: 9 NATURAL STEPS TO SURVIVE, MASTER STRESS AND LIVE WELL", CHATS WITH MORNING DRIVE HOST DOUG KELLETT ON TIPS ON HOW TO GAIN CONTROL ON STRESS THROUGH CHANGING YOUR DIET.. HSM

JUNE 14 – SUICIDES ARE ON THE RISE IN THE UNITED STATES, ESPECIALLY AMONG 35 TO 64-YEAR-OLDS. ONE OF THE BIGGEST REASONS? DIET. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DR. JOHN SALERNO- WITH THE SALERNO CENTER IN NEW YORK CITY- TO GET SOME RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PROPER DIET TO CURB DEPRESSION AND LIMIT THE NEED FOR PAIN KILLERS. HSM

JUNE 19 – ALONG WITH THE SUNSHINE AND WARM WEATHER, THE SUMMER USUALLY BRINGS A HOST OF ALLERGY TRIGGERS. ANAPHYLAXIS, A LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIC REACTION, CAN BE CAUSED BY A VARIETY OF THESE TRIGGERS. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON HAD A CONVERSATION WITH DR. MARTHA WHITE OF THE INSTITUTE FOR ASTHMA AND ALLERGY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ANAPHYLAXIS, ITS COMMON TRIGGERS, AND THE BEST WAYS TO AVOID IT. HSM

JUNE 20 – THE NORTH CAROLINA DENTAL BOARD WENT HEAD TO HEAD WITH TEETH-WHITENING KIOSKS FREQUENTLY FOUND IN SHOPPING MALLS. WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM? THE KIOSK OWNERS WEREN'T DENTISTS. DONNA MARTINEZ TALKED WITH JASON DE BRUYN OF THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL TO FIND OUT HOW THE CASE ENDED AND HOW THIS COULD POTENTIALLY AFFECT HEALTH RULINGS IN THE FUTURE. HSM

JUNE 20 – THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION IS HOSTING IT'S 9TH 'SPEAK NOW FOR KIDS FAMILY ADVOCACY DAY' TODAY (THU) IN WASHINGTON. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH MARK WIETecha (WEE-TESH-UH) -- PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION -- WHO SAYS PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE ATTENDING THE EVENT TO MEET WITH LAWMAKERS TO DISCUSS MEDICAID AND IT'S IMPACT ON CHILDREN. HSM

JUNE 20 – SUGARY BEVERAGES LIKE SODA CONTRIBUTE TO THE NATION'S OBESITY EPIDEMIC AND DOCTORS WANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HAS MORE. HSM

JUNE 24 – A RECENT GALLUP POLL SHOWED THAT 36 PERCENT OF AMERICAN ADULTS ARE OBESE. THE SAME POLL RANKED NORTH CAROLINA THE 11TH MOST OBESE STATE IN THE COUNTRY, WITH 29 PERCENT OF ITS ENTIRE POPULATION OVERWEIGHT. NOW, AFTER DECADES OF DEBATE, THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION IS RECOGNIZING OBESITY AS A DISEASE AND DR. ERIC WESTMAN -- DIRECTOR OF LIFESTYLE MEDICINE AT DUKE, TELLS

WPTF'S JOSH ZACH THAT THE CLINICAL CLASSIFICATION WILL OPEN THE DOOR FOR TREATMENT. HSM

JUNE 24 – THE WHITE HOUSE IS IMPLIMENTIN A NEW PROMOTION PROGAM TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE UPCOMING “OBAMACARE” AND IS CENTERING IT’S EFFORT ON YOUNG PEOPLE, CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS, AS BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNED FROM THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER’S PAUL BEDARD. HSM

JUNE 24 – THE FIGHT AGAINST KILLER BACTERIA JUST GOT STRONGER ... WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DUKE'S DR. VANCE FOWLER JR. -- ONE OF SEVERAL INVESTIGATORS CHOSEN TO OVERSEE A NATIONWIDE RESEARCH PROGRAM ON THE PROBLEM -- WHO SAYS FEDERAL GRANT MONEY WILL ALLOW RESEARCHERS TO STUDY, DESIGN, DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT CLINICAL RESEARCH ON ANTIBACTERIAL RESISTANCE. HSM

JUNE 25 – JUNE IS NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH. ... IT IS CONDITION INVOLVING CURVATURE OF THE SPINE. THAT AFFECTS FEMALE TEENS MORE OFTEN THAN MALES -- AND CAN BE TREATED WITH BRACES -- AND SURGERY IN THE MOST SEVERE CASES .. BUT, NEW DEVELOPMENTS MAKE DETECTION AND TREATMENT EASIER AS BRUCE FERRELL FOUND OUT IN SPEAKING WITH RALEIGH DR. KEITH MANKIN. HSM

JUNE 25 – JUNE IS NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH AND IF YOU'VE PURCHASED MILK RECENTLY, THE VARIETY CONTINUES TO GROW. SO HOW DO YOU PICK THE RIGHT MILK FOR YOUR FAMILY? REGISTERED NUTRITIONIST, ALTHEA ZANECOSKY (ZANE-KOUS-KEY) GAVE BRIAN FREEMAN SOME GUIDANCE. HSM

JUNE 25 – FREE MEDICAL ADVICE FROM THE FOLKS AT THE DURHAM COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT ... WATCH OUT FOR TICKS! THEY'RE NO GOOD! WPTF'S JOSH ZACH TALKED TO SUSAN THOMPSON -- THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNICABLE DISEASES PROGRAM MANAGER -- TO LEARN WHAT KIND OF HARM IS ASSOCIATED WITH TICKS, AND HOW WE CAN AVOID CONTACT WITH THESE LITTLE BUGGERS. HSM

JUNE 26 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW - MIKE JAMES OF PERSON STREET PHARMACY- OLD-TIME MEDICINES AND REMEDIES HSM

JUNE 27 – WE SELF-MEDICATE ALL SUMMER WITH SUNSCREENS AND INSECT REPELLENTS, BUT DID YOU KNOW YOU SHOULDN'T WEAR SUNSCREEN AND INSECT REPELLENT AT THE SAME TIME? WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH KROGER PHARMACIST OUITA (WEE-DUH) DAVIS GATTON ABOUT MEDICATING OURSELVES -- AND OUR KIDS -- TO KEEP THE BUGS FROM BITING OUR BITS. HSM

IA- International Affairs

APRIL 3 – EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE U.S. SENATE CAME OUT AND SAID THEY'RE CLOSE TO GETTING IMMIGRATION REFORM DONE! LEE BOYLAND, AUTHOR OF PIRATES AND CARTELS, JOINS DOUG KELLETT OF THE MORNING DRIVE TO GIVE INSIGHT ON WHAT THIS "PATH TO IMMIGRATION REFORM" COULD LOOK LIKE AND WHAT THE US GOVERNMENT IS AT ITS "IMMIGRATION" CORE. IA

APRIL 8 – FORMER BRITISH PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER HAS DIED OF A STROKE. A FORMER SPOKESMAN SAYS THATCHER DIED THIS MORNING AT AGE 87. DURING 11 BRUISING YEARS AS PRIME MINISTER, THATCHER TRANSFORMED HER COUNTRY BY A RUTHLESS DEDICATION TO FREE MARKETS, AND SHE INFURIATED EUROPEAN ALLIES. SHE RETIRED FROM PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS IN 2002 FOLLOWING A SERIES OF SMALL STROKES, AND WAS ONLY OCCASIONALLY SEEN IN PUBLIC SINCE THEN. BRIAN FREEMAN GOT REACTION FROM PAUL BEDARD AT THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER. IA

APRIL 9 – THE DEATH OF FORMER BRITISH PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER BROUGHT HEARTACHE TO RALEIGH AND NORTH CAROLINA PHILANTHROPIST, DR. ASSAD MEYMANDI. HE TOLD WPTF'S RICK MARTINEZ THAT HE HAD A 10-YEAR FRIENDSHIP WITH THE WOMAN KNOWN AS THE "IRON LADY" AFTER THEY HAD LUNCH AT A SPECIAL EVENT AT THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY WHERE THEY STRUCK UP A CONVERSATION ABOUT GREAT AMERICANS WHICH INCLUDED NORTH CAROLINA SENATOR JESSE HELMS. IA

APRIL 17 – MARGARET THATCHER, "THE IRON LADY" OF BRITAIN WAS LAYED TO REST TODAY. CBS CORRESPONDENT LARRY MILLER TOLD BRIAN FREEMAN THAT THIS WAS NOT A "STATE" FUNERAL BUT STILL HAD ALL THE POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE. IA

JUNE 27 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW - DR. JOE CADDELL - MILITARY HISTORIAN- REMEMBERS SARAJEVO 1914 AND THE BEGINNING OF WORLD WAR I IA

NS - National Security

APRIL 2 – TENSIONS CONTINUE TO RISE AS NORTH KOREA MAKES MORE THREATS TO THE UNITED STATES. ON TUESDAY IT DEMONSTRATED ITS OWN COMMITMENT TO ITS NUCLEAR PROGRAM BY SAYING IT PLANS TO RESTART ITS REACTOR THAT IT HAD AGREED TO SHUT DOWN IN 2007. MITCH KOKAI, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR AT THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION, AND SITTING IN FOR BILL LUMAYE, SPEAKS WITH RETIRED AIR FORCE GENERAL BURT MOORE TO ASK IF NORTH KOREA IS A GENUINE THREAT TO THE UNITED STATES. NS

APRIL 9 – WE VALUE OUR PRIVACY ALMOST ABOVE ALL ELSE, BUT COULD A COMPANY COULD BE VIOLATING THAT RIGHT? COULD YOU BE GIVING PERSONAL INFO OUT FREELY, UNAWARE OF HOW THAT INFO CAN BE USED? KATHERINE ALBRECHT JOINS MORNING DRIVE HOST DOUG KELLETT TO TELL US THE GROWING CONCERN ABOUT GOOGLE. NS

APRIL 15/16 – CONTINUOUS BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE OF THE TERRORIST BOMBINGS AT THE BOSTON MARATHON. COVERAGE FROM 3 PM ON APRIL 15TH THRU 10 AM APRIL 16TH. COVERAGE INCLUDED LIVE REPORTS FROM THE SCENE, RECORDED REPORTS FROM LOCAL REPORTERS, LIVE INTERVIEWS WITH EXPERTS AND A TWO HOUR SPECIAL CALL IN SHOW ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 15TH. NS

APRIL 17 – EVER SINCE THE TWIN EXPLOSIONS AT THE BOSTON MARATHON MONDAY, THE WHOLE NATION IS ONCE AGAIN ON ALERT AS IT WAS AFTER 9/11. EVEN THOUGH PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT TERRORISTS ONLY TARGET MAJOR CITIES, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SAY THINK AGAIN. WTVD TV'S ED CRUMP REPORTS. NS

APRIL 17 – THE BOMBS IN BOSTON HAVE AFFECTED US ALL, ALTHOUGH IT'S EARLY IN THE INVESTIGATION THERE ARE SOME SOLID FACT. DOUG KELLETT OF THE MORNING DRIVE CHATS WITH CHRIS KERR TO DISCUSS THOSE FACTS OF THE TERRORIST ATTACK IN BOSTON. NS

APRIL 17 – WITH HALF-A-MILLION SPECTATORS AT THE BOSTON MARATHON IT IS EASY TO BELIEVE THAT SOMEONE WITH A SMARTPHONE CAPTURED A PHOTO OF THE BOMBER. TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN TALKED TO BRIAN FREEMAN ABOUT HOW THE FBI AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CAN USE THE PUBLIC'S HELP IN FINDING THE PERSON. NS

APRIL 17 – THE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES INTO THE BOSTON BOMBINGS AND NOW AUTHORITIES ARE GOING PUBLIC IN THEIR EFFORT TO FIND A PHOTO OF THE BOMBER. CBS CORRESPONDENT HEATHER BOSCH GAVE BRIAN FREEMAN DETAILS OF WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR. NS

APRIL 18 – A FIRE AND EXPLOSION AT A FERTILIZER PLANT HAS LEVELED THE SMALL TEXAS TOWN OF WEST. THE EXPECTED CASUALTIES IS DRAWING COMPARISONS TO IRAQ AND OKLAHOMA CITY. CBS'S TOM FOTY REPORT. NS

APRIL 18 – WORRIED ABOUT SOMEONE GETTING YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION OFF YOUR COMPUTER HARD-DRIVE? AN EVENT THIS SATURDAY CAN HELP YOU PREVENT THAT! BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE WITH TOBY BARFIELD, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU SERVING EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA. NS

APRIL 22 – ARE THE BOSTON BOMBERS A PART OF A TERRORIST GROUP? IS THIS A NEW THREAT TO THE US? MATT BURKE, NATIONAL COLUMNIST, TALKS WITH MORNING DRIVE HOST DOUG KELLETT TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS. NS

APRIL 23 - CHECHENS AND TERRORISM, IS THERE A CONNECTION? AUTHOR OF "TALKING TO TERRORIST" AND PSYCHOLOGIST DR. ANN SPECKHARD, SHARES HER THOUGHTS WITH MORNING DRIVE HOST DOUG KELLETT. NS

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APRIL 30 – A CBS NEWS-NEW YORK TIMES POLL LOOKS AT AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS SYRIA AND NORTH KOREA, INCLUDING IF THE U.S. SHOULD HAVE A ROLE IN SYRIA, HOW BIG OF A THREAT AMERICANS THINK NORTH KOREA IS, AND WHAT THEIR VIEWS ARE ON THE DRONE PROGRAM. SURVEY'S DIRECTOR DARAH DUTTON TALKS WITH BRIAN FREEMAN ON THE RESULTS. NS

MAY 8 – A NEW STUDY HAS BEEN RELEASED BY THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION CLAIMING THAT BIPARTISAN IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION PENDING IN THE SENATE WOULD COST TAXPAYERS TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS. JASON RICHWINE, SENIOR POLICY ANALYST OF THE EMPIRICAL STUDIES AT THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION, TALKS WITH BILL LUMAYE ON THE HOW THESE HIGH NUMBERS WERE REACHED. NS

MAY 30 – A BILL PROPOSED BY THE GANG OF EIGHT, A BIPARTISAN GROUP OF SENATORS, INTENDED TO REVAMP THE NATION'S IMMIGRATION RULES PASSED OUT OF COMMITTEE AND IS HEADED FOR THE FULL SENATE. TO FIND OUT WHAT THIS BILL IS PROPOSING BILL LUMAYE TALKS WITH MATT MAYER, VISITING FELLOW OF THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION. NS

MAY 31 – A 19-YEAR-OLD MARINE FROM WILSON WHO WAS INJURED IN AFGHANISTAN IS RECOVERING AT WALTER REED HOSPITAL. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DUNCAN MATHIS BROKE BOTH LEGS, ANKLES AND AN ARM WHILE ON A MISSION IN AREA LITTERED WITH BOMBS AND TRAPS. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS HIS STORY. NS

JUNE 4 – THE SENATE WENT BACK INTO SESSION MONDAY AND IT RIGHT OFF THE BAT IT WAS FACED WITH A LARGE ISSUE: IMMIGRATION. IT'S A IMMIGRATION BILL THAT OFFERS EARNED CITIZENSHIP TO MANY OF THE 11 MILLION IMMIGRANTS WHO ENTERED THE UNITED STATES

ILLEGALLY BEFORE 2012. IT WILL BE DEBATED ON JUNE 10. LVARO VARGOS LIOSA, SENIOR FELLOW OF THE INDEPENDENT INSTITUTE, TELLS BILL LUMAYE WHAT HE LIKES ABOUT THE BILL AND WHAT HE THINKS SHOULD BE CHANGED FOR THE GOOD THE COUNTRY AND IMMIGRANTS. NS

JUNE 5 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DR. JOE CADDELL, MILITARY HISTORIN-ANNIVERSARY OF D_DAY-NS

JUNE 6 – THE LORD CORPORATION -- HEADQUARTERED IN CARY -- RECENTLY HOSTED THE NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY FOUNDATION BOARD. LORD C.O.O. TELLS WPTF'S JOSH ZACH THAT DISCUSSIONS AT THE EVENT FOCUSED ON THE USE OF DATA ANALYTICS TO ADDRESS CHALLENGES FACED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY IN CYBER SECURITY AND PREDICTIVE ANALYSIS FOR INTELLIGENCE. NS

JUNE 11 – WHAT DO WE VALUE MORE IN AMERICA, SAFETY OR PRIVACY? HARVARD GRADUATE AND AUTHOR OF "SPY CHIPS" KATHERINE ALBRECHT TALKS WITH MORNING DRIVE HOST DOUG KELLETT TO DISCUSS THE CHOICE THE NATION FACES. NS

JUNE 11 – THE NSA INFORMATION LEAK ABOUT THE MONITORING OF CITIZEN'S CELL PHONES IS TOP OF MIND FOR MANY PEOPLE, BUT WHAT IS NEXT FOR THE PERSON WHO REVEILD THE INFORMATION? CBS CORRESPONDANT PETER MAER GOES IN DEPTH WITH BRIAN FREEMAN. NS

JUNE 13 – THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION HAS FILED A LAWSUIT CHARGING THAT THE NSA'S MASS SURVEILLANCE OF U.S. CITIZENS' DATA VIOLATES CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF FREE SPEECH AND PRIVACY. BILL LUMAYE AND SHANE KRHUSER (KREW-SIR), DIRECTOR OF THE CONSTITUTION EDUCATION ORGANIZATION, DISCUSS THE NSA'S SURVEILLANCE OF PHONE RECORDS AND WHETHER THIS REALLY DOES VIOLATE OUR PRIVACY. NS

JUNE 17 – CONDITIONS IN SYRIA ARE WORSENING. CBS' TOM FOTY REPORTS ON THE WORLD'S REACTION. NS

JUNE 18 – SCANDALS ABOUT THE NSA AND THE FBI HAVE FLOODED THE HEADLINES OF THE NEWS IN RESENT WEEKS. WHAT HAVE WE REALLY LEARNED ABOUT THESE TO AGENCIES? DOUG KELLETT OF THE MORNING DRIVE TALKS WITH MIKE OPELKA OF THE BLAZE.COM TO FIND OUT. NS

JUNE 19 – THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA IS CONDUCTING EMERGENCY DRILLS ON IT'S FLAGSHIP CAMPUS THIS MORNING AND AFTERNOON. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH RANDY YOUNG IN UNC'S OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO DISCUSS THE DRILL IN CHAPEL HILL THAT INCLUDES THE COORDINATION OF MULTIPLE AGENCIES AND SEVERAL HUNDRED PARTICIPANTS. NS

JUNE 19 – A TURNING POINT IN THE AFGHANISTAN WAR AS AFGHAN FORCES TAKE OVER SECURITY....WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE US'S ROLE? WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN GET'S THE LATEST FROM CBS NEWS MILITARY ANALYST MIKE LYONS. NS

JUNE 20 – ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS COULD APPLY FOR PERMANENT LEGAL STATUS AFTER HOMELAND SECURITY CERTIFIES THAT SEVERAL CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN MET. THAT'S ONE OF THE SWEEPING CHANGES IN A COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM BILL BEING CONSIDERED IN THE U.S. SENATE. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DHS SECRETARY JANET NAPOLITANO ABOUT THE BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION THAT SHE SUPPORTS, BUT REPUBLICANS SAY GRANTS HER TOO MUCH AUTHORITY. NS

JUNE 21 – EARLIER, PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH CBS MILITARY ANALYST MIKE LYONS ON THE FBI'S ADMISSION THEY ARE USING DRONES TO SPY AND HELP FIGHT CRIME

DOMESTICALLY. PATRICK ASKED MIKE HIS REACTION TO THE FBI SAYING THIS WAS BEING USED ON A LIMITED BASIS. NS

JUNE 25 – FAR-REACHING IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION OFFERING THE PRIZE OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP TO MILLIONS IS SWIFTLY GAINING GROUND IN THE SENATE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT BETWEEN REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS ON DRAMATIC STEPS AIMED AT SECURING THE BORDER WITH MEXICO...WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH MANU RAJU, A SENIOR CONGRESSIONAL REPORTER FOR POLITICO. NS

PA – Political Affairs

APRIL 1 – LONG-TIME POLITICAL ANALYST TOM CAMPBELL SAYS REPUBLICANS CONTROL A LOT MORE THAN THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR'S CHAIR. HE SPOKE TO DON CURTIS ON CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS. PA

APRIL 1 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-RAN COBLE OF N.C. CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH-COMMENTS ON NORTH CAROLINA POLITICAL SCENE-PA

APRIL 5 – REPUBLICANS ARE JOCKEYING FOR POSITION NATIONALLY AS SPECULATION IS ALREADY UNDERWAY ABOUT WHERE THE GOP STANDS IN THE WAKE OF MITT ROMNEY'S 2012 LOSS, AND AS DEMOCRAT HILLARY CLINTON SEEMS TO BE PAVING THE WAY FOR A 2016 PRESIDENTIAL RUN. SENIOR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT DONNA MARTINEZ SAT DOWN WITH TOM JENSEN OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING TO FIND OUT JUST HOW STRONG CLINTON IS RIGHT NOW, AND WHICH REPUBLICAN MIGHT GIVE THE DEMOCRATS A TOUGH RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE. PA

APRIL 8 – LEGISLATION THAT WOULD TEAR UP THE DEAL THAT WOULD CREATE A RALEIGH CITY PARK ON THE SITE OF THE DORTHEA DIX MENTAL HOSPITAL -- AND WREST CONTROL OF CHARLOTTE DOUGLAS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FROM THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE IS WINDING ITS WAY THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE -- ON THIS WEEKEND'S (APRIL 7) EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS, ELLIS HANKINS WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES TACKLES THOSE TOPICS WITH HOST DON CURTIS. PA

APRIL 9 – THE CHAIRMAN OF NORTH CAROLINA'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS DECRYING VOTING REFORMS PROPOSED BY REPUBLICANS IN THE LEGISLATURE. WPTF'S STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED ABOUT THE PROPOSED CHANGES WITH CHAIRMAN RANDY VOLLER (VOLL-ERR). PA

APRIL 15 – WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF TAX REFORM IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE ? RICK MARTINEZ GOT SOME THOUGHTS FROM BECKY GRAY OF THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION ON A RECENT EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS. PA

APRIL 15 – IN 2012 GREEN PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE DR. JILL STEIN GARNERED ABOUT 400,000 VOTES WITH A PLATFORM OF CALLING FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. SHE CONTINUES TO TAKE ON THOSE ISSUES AND NOW HAS A NEW TARGET: PRESIDENT OBAMA'S PROPOSED BUDGET. SENIOR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT DONNA MARTINEZ SPOKE WITH DR. STEIN TO FIND OUT WHY SHE HAS SUCH STRONG CRITICISM OF THE PRESIDENT, AND AMERICA'S FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM. PA

APRIL 15 – EMILY'S LIST IS ABOUT TO LAUNCH A POLITICAL CAMPAIGN FOR A PERSON THEY BELIEVE SHOULD BE THE NEXT PRESIDENT. BRIAN FREEMAN FOUND OUT WHO THE PERSON IS AND WHAT'S BEHIND EMILY'S LIST FROM PAUL BEDARD AT THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER. PA

APRIL 17 – LAST WEEK, REPUBLICAN SENATOR PAT TOOMEY AND DEMOCRATIC SENATOR JOE MANCHIN RELEASED A COMPROMISE THAT WOULD REQUIRE BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL GUN SALES AT GUN SHOWS AND ONLINE. THE BILL IS THE LATEST ATTEMPT IN A HEATED

DEBATE OVER GUN CONTROL IN THE COUNTRY. THIS WEEK, THE SENATE IS EXPECTED TO VOTE ON THE BILL. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON HAS MORE WITH CHAPEL HILL MAYOR MARK KLEINSCHMIDT, WHO IS A MEMBER OF MAYORS AGAINST ILLEGAL GUNS. PA

APRIL 18 – GOVERNOR MCCRORY CONVENED A MEETING OF NORTH CAROLINA'S EDUCATION CABINET ON WEDNESDAY, BRINGING TOGETHER EXPERTS FROM PRE-K THROUGH 12, UNIVERSITIES AND THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM. STEPHANIE HAWCO HAS THE STORY. PA

APRIL 22 – WHAT DOES THE POLITICAL FUTURE HOLD FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S JUNIOR SENATOR? ON CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS, DON CURTIS ASKED TOM JENSEN WITH PUBLIC POLICY POLLING ABOUT SEN. KAY HAGAN. PA

APRIL 22 – DRILLING FOR OIL AND GAS IN NORTH CAROLINA AND OFF THE STATE'S COAST COULD GENERATE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND CREATE THOUSANDS OF JOBS WHILE ALSO CAUSING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN DAMAGE TO COASTAL COMMUNITIES. THIS IS ACCORDING TO A NEW REPORT FROM DR. MIKE WALDEN, NC STATE UNIVERSITY ECONOMICS PROFESSOR. HE TALKS WITH BILL LUMAYE ON HIS FINDINGS ON ENERGY EXPLORATION AND WHAT THIS NEW STUDY MEANS FOR OUR STATE. PA

APRIL 23 - A BILL WAS FILED EARLIER THIS MONTH BY FOUR HOUSE REPUBLICANS PROPOSES GIVING DRIVER'S LICENSES, NOT PERMITS, TO ILLEGAL ALIENS. WILLIAM GHEEN, PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN'S FOR LEGAL IMMIGRATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE OR ALIPAC, SPEAKS WITH BILL LUMAYE ON THIS BILL AND THE CONFLICT BEHIND IT. PA

APRIL 24 – THE BATTLE OVER VOTER ID LEGISLATION IS EXPECTED TO COME TO THE HOUSE FLOOR TODAY, AMID PROTESTS AND LENGTHY DEBATE. STEPHANIE HAWCO TELLS US WHY LAWMAKERS ARE EXPECTING A LONG DAY. PA

APRIL 24 – LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY TWO STATE SENATORS CALLS FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THE MORTGAGE INTEREST AND PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTIONS ON YOUR STATE INCOME TAXES. THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS HAS COME OUT OPPOSING THE MEASURE. BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE WITH GARY THOMAS, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS, TO GET DETAILS ON WHAT MIGHT BE AT STAKE. PA

APRIL 24 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW- DR. LEE CRAIG, NCSU ECONOMICS PROFESSOR-ON HIS NEW BOOK "THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JOSEPHUS DANIELS- PA

MAY 2 – NORTH CAROLINA IS BECOMING A HOTBED OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY, AND A NURSERY FOR FEDERAL APPOINTMENTS. CHARLOTTE MAYOR ANTHONY FOXX WAS RECENTLY CHOSEN BY THE PRESIDENT TO HEAD UP THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AND, ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, OBAMA PICKED VETERAN NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN MEL WATT TO LEAD THE FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY. CLOSER TO HOME, WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ DISCUSS A POLITICAL SHIFT ON THE LOCAL LANDSCAPE. PA

MAY 6 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-RAN COBLE N.C. CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH- COMMENTS ON NORTH CAROLINA POLITICS PA

MAY 7 – MORNING NEWS ANCHOR PATRICK JOHNSON HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO SENATOR KAY HAGAN ABOUT SYRIA, BUT WHEN THE TALK TURNED TO OTHER ISSUES, SHE SUDDENLY HAD TO GO. BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNED MORE FROM PATRICK IN THIS "REPORTERS ROUNDUP." PA

MAY 8 – FORMER SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR MARK SANFORD HAS ONE BACK HIS CONGRESSIONAL SEAT, THUS BEGGING THE QUESTION...IS HE THE “REBOUND” KING? BRIAN FREEMAN DISCUSSED THE WIN WITH CBS CORRESPONDANT JIM KRASULA. PA

MAY 9 – THIS WEEK THE STATE SENATE INTRODUCED THEIR TAX REFORM PACKAGE THAT AIMS TO HELP THE STATE AND ITS SENIORS BY CUTTING TAXES BY \$1 BILLION OVER THREE YEARS. STATE SENATE PRO TEMPOR PHIL BERGER TELLS BILL LUMAYE THE DETAILS OF THE BILL THAT HE HOPES WILL BE PASSED SOON. PA

MAY 13 – EDUCATORS ARE JOINING SOME WAKE COUNTY PARENTS IN CRITICIZING THE POLICIES OF THE REPUBLICAN-LED LEGISLATURE. STEPHANIE HAWCO HAS THE STORY. PA

MAY 14 – THE THIRD STRAIGHT WEEK OF NAACP PROTESTS HAS PRODUCED THE HIGHEST ARREST COUNT YET AT THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSEMBLY. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE REPORTS. PA

MAY 20 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-WALKER F. NOLAN,COUNSEL TO SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES DISCUSSES WATERGATE HEARINGS-PA

MAY 28 – U-S SENATOR KAY HAGAN FACES RE-ELECTION IN NORTH CAROLINA NEXT YEAR, AND A NEW POLL SHOWS SHE IS LEADING OR TIED WITH HER POTENTIAL REPUBLICAN CHALLENGERS. STEPHANIE HAWCO GETS THE DETAILS FROM TOM JENSEN OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING. PA

MAY 30 – TEA PARTY FAVORITEMINNESOTA CONGRESSWOMAN MICHELE BACHMAN ANNOUNCED VIA HER WEBSITE THAT SHE WILL NOT SEEK ANOTHER TERM IN THE U.S. HOUSE....WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN TALKED ABOUT THE ANNOUNCEMENT WITH CBS NEWS POLITICAL ANALYST DOTTY LYNCH. PA

JUNE 3 – WITH THE 24 HOUR NEWS CYCLE WORLD WE LIVE IN, IS THERE EVER A BREAK IN CAMPAIGNING FOR PRESIDENT? DEMETRI RAVANOS OF THE MORNING DRIVE SPEAKS W/ MITCH KOKAI OF THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION TO FIND THE ANSWER TO THIS PRUDENT QUESTION. PA

JUNE 3 – POLL NUMBERS ARE DROPPING FOR POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE HILLARY CLINTON. BRIAN FREEMAN ASKED THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER'S PAUL BEDARD WHY THIS IS HAPPENING. PA

JUNE 4 – THE COLLEGE REPUBLICAN REPORT CAME OUT THIS WEEK HAS STUNNED MANY REPUBLICANS. IT HAS INDICATED UNLESS THERE IS A CANDIDATE THAT CAN AGREE TO SAME SEX MARRIAGE, THEN THE YOUTH OF AMERICA WILL NEVER VOTE FOR A GOP CANDIDATE. DOUG KELLETT, HOST OF THE MORNING DRIVE, TALKS TO MIKE MANISCALCO OF THE BLAZE DOT COM, TO GET HIS PERSPECTIVE ON THIS REPOST HOLDING ANY TRUTH. PA

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JUNE 11 – THE NUMBER 2 LEADER AT THE NC DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS RESIGNED FROM HER POST CITING CONFLICT WITH THE PARTY'S CHAIRMAN. WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON REPORTS. PA

JUNE 14 – HOUSE QUICKLY MOVED TO ADOPT ITS VERSION OF THE BUDGET BILL THAT DIFFERS FROM THE SENATE. BUT THERE'S AN INSIDE STORY AS BRIAN FREEMAN FOUND OUT FROM SGRTODAY.COM'S BARLOW HERGET. PA

JUNE 19 – GOV. MCCRORY AND SOME NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS HAVE STEPPED INTO THE RING CONCERNING GUN PERMITS HERE IN THE STATE. PAUL VALONE, PRESIDENT OF GRASS ROOTS, NC, TALKS WITH BILL LUMAYE ON WHAT THEY ARE ARGUING. PA

JUNE 20 – FIRST LADY ANN MCCRORY IS SPEAKING OUT FOR HER PET CAUSE – BETTER TREATMENT OF ANIMALS AT COMMERCIAL DOG BREEDING FACILITIES. STEPHANIE HAWCO REPORTS ON WHY SHE TOOK THE UNUSUAL STEP OF WEIGHING IN ON AN ISSUE THAT SHE SAYS SHOULDN'T BE POLITICAL. PA

RE – Religion, Civil Service & Social Climate

APRIL 1 – COULD IT BE A NEW DIRECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IF INDEED POPE FRANCIS IS REACHING OUT TO THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD AND OTHER RELIGIOUS FAITHS? DOUG KELLETT, HOST OF THE MORNING DRIVE, TALKS WITH NATIONAL SECURITY EXPERT ,RYAN MAUNRO, ABOUT HIS ARTICLE ON THE NEW POPE'S PLAN TO EMBRACE INTERFAITH DIALOGUE WITH THE MUSLIM FAITH. RE

APRIL 1 – THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE NAACP IS VOWING TO FIGHT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD LIMIT EARLY VOTING AND ELIMINATE SAME-DAY REGISTRATION AND SUNDAY VOTING. PASTOR NANCY PETTY FROM PULLEN MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH EXPLAINED ON FRIDAY WHY THEY'RE TAKING ON THE CAUSE. CR RE

APRIL 5 – STARBUCKS IS JUST ONE OF THE BUSINESSES THAT HAVE CHOSEN TO RAISE THEIR VOICE ON HOT TOPIC ISSUES IN OUR CULTURE. THE QUESTIONS NOW ARE SHOULD THE BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORT "ANTI-FAMILY" ISSUES BE POINTED OUT?... AND IS IT TIME TO BOYCOTT THESE BUSINESSES? ARTHUR ALLY OF THE TIMOTHY FUND, JOINS DOUG KELLETT OF THE MORNING DRIVE, TO TALK ABOUT THE THINGS AND BUSINESSES THAT ADVOCATE THE DISTRUTION OF OUR CULTURE. RE

APRIL 8 – THE PROCESS OF GETTING A DIVORCE CAN BE LENGTHY AND PAINFUL, AND IT WILL TAKE EVEN LONGER IF A PROPOSED LAW PASSES IN NORTH CAROLINA. STEPHANIE HAWCO EXPLAINS WHY. RE

MAY 27 – WHEN IS A BENCH MORE THAN A BENCH ? WHEN IT HAS BARCODES THE PROVIDE DETAILS LESSONS ABOUT STATE HISTORY -- THAT WILL BE THE CASE AT THE STATE CAPITOL.. THEY WILL BE UNVEILED OFFICIALLY WEDNESDAY -- AS BRUCE FERRELL FOUND OUT FROM THE CAPTIOLE'S HISTORIC SITE ADMINISTRATOR DEANNA MITCHELL. RE

JUNE 4 – ANOTHER MORAL MONDAY PROTEST ENDED WITH MORE PEOPLE ARRESTED YESTERDAY. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS THE STORY FOR US. RE

JUNE 4 – LAST NIGHT A VIGIL WAS HELD FOR A YOUNG MAN WHOSE BODY WAS RECOVERED AFTER HE WAS PULLED OUT TO SEA BY A RIP CURRENT. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE HAS THE STORY. RE

JUNE 5 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY IS WEIGHTING IN ON THE ONGOING MORAL MONDAY PROTESTS AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOEL BROWN OF WTVD HAS THIS REPORT. RE

JUNE 6 – IS THE CURRENT TREND OF SOCIAL MEDIA DAMAGING? DOUG KELLETT DISCUSSES THIS ISSUE WITH, SUPERMODEL TURNED SOCIAL MEDIA GURU, ERIN MORGART (MORE-GART) ON WHETHER THE INCREASE TIME SPENT ON SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLETS HAVE A POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE INFLUENCE ON THE AVERAGE PERSON. RE

JUNE 6 – ACCORDING TO GALLUP POLL RELEASED LAST WEEK, MORE THAN THREE-FOURTHS OF AMERICANS SAY RELIGION IS LOSING ITS INFLUENCE ON AMERICAN LIFE. TO FIND OUT IF THIS IS TRUE, BILL LUMAYE TALKS WITH DR. ANTHONY PINN, PROFESSOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES AT RICE UNIVERSITY. RE

JUNE 21 – THE MORAL MONDAY PROTESTS ORGANIZED BY THE NAACP HAVE FOCUSED ON THE ENVIRONMENT, VOTING RIGHTS, EDUCATION AND MAKING JOBS. BILL LUMAYE TALKS WITH THE NAACP STATE CHAPTER PRESIDENT REVEREND WILLIAM BARBER ABOUT FINDING COMMON GROUND WITH THE REPUBLICANS WHOSE LEGISLATION THE PROTESTS ARE PRIMARILY AGAINST. CR

JUNE 10 – RESTAURANT WORKERS JOINED FORCES SUNDAY TO BRING IN MUCH NEEDED MONEY FOR A MOTHER WHO LOST HER CHILD IN A CAR ACCIDENT. WTVD TV'S ANTHONY WILSON REPORTS. RE

JUNE 10 – GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY IS KNOWN TO NORTH CAROLINIANS AS THE STATE'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE, BUT YOU MAY NOT BE AS FAMILIAR WITH HOW HE GOT STARTED IN POLITICS. THE GOVERNOR SAT DOWN RECENTLY WITH DON CURTIS, OWNER OF THE CURTIS MEDIA GROUP AND WPTF RADIO, AND TALKED ABOUT THE EARLY YEARS. RE

JUNE 13 – IT'S ANOTHER CHANCE TO HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS AS THE APEX KIWANIS CLUB HOLDS A BLOOD DRIVE TODAY. BRIAN FREEMAN GOT DETAILS FROM JIM VOGEL OF THE APEX KIWANIS CLUB ABOUT THIS GROWING EVENT AND HOW YOU CAN "MAKE A DIFFERENCE." RE

JUNE 14 – SOME NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS, LABOR, AND FAITH LEADERS ARE ENDORSING THE IMMIGRATION REFORM PLAN THAT IS BEING DEBATED IN CONGRESS. STEPHANIE HAWCO LOOKS AT BOTH SIDES OF A DIVISIVE ISSUE. RE

JUNE 17 – NASA HAS DEVELOPED A HUMANOID ROBOT FOR USE IN SPACE, AND THEY'RE INTERESTED TO SEE HOW IT MIGHT BE OF USE ON EARTH. SO MUCH SO THAT THE SPACE AGENCY COMMISSIONED THE HELP OF A TRIANGLE CONSULTING FIRM TO SEE WHO'S INTERESTED IN THE TECHNOLOGY. WPTF'S JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH LAURA SCHOPPE (SOUNDS LIKE SHOPPY) PRESIDENT OF THE CONSULTING FIRM, FUENTEK (FWEN-TECH), AND NASA ASTRONAUT DAVID LEESTMA, TO GET AN INTRODUCTION TO ROBONAUT 2. RE

JUNE 18 – WITH THE DEATH OF GOVERNOR JIM HOLSHOUSER, MANY OF THE PEOPLE HE INFLUENCED ARE VOICING THEIR FOND MEMORIES. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED TO STATE BUDGET DIRECTOR ART POPE ABOUT THE FORMER GOVERNOR'S LIFE AND LEGACY. RE

JUNE 18 – NORTH CAROLINA'S SITTING GOVERNOR IS SHARING FOND MEMORIES OF FORMER GOVERNOR JIM HOLSHOUSER, A MAN HE CALLED A TRUSTED ADVISOR AND A FRIEND. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED ABOUT HOLSHOUSER'S LEGACY WITH GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY. RE

JUNE 18 – A FORMER POLITICAL AIDE TO GOVERNOR JIM HOLSHOUSER IS REMEMBERING HIM AS AN ENERGETIC AND ENTHUSIASTIC LEADER WHO HAD A KNACK FOR MAKING PEOPLE FEEL GOOD ABOUT THEMSELVES. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED ABOUT THE GOVERNOR'S LEGACY WITH BALLARD EVERETTE. RE

JUNE 21 – THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS INVESTIGATING ALLEGED CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS. THE SCHOOL SYSTEM IS ACCUSED OF SUSPENDING BLACK AND DISABLED STUDENTS AT A DISPROPORTIONATE RATE. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED ABOUT IT WITH PEGGY NICHOLSON FROM ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES. RE

JUNE 25 – HIP HOP AND RELIGION... DO THEY REALLY GO HAND AND HAND? DOUG KELLETT SPEAKS WITH DR. MONICA MILLER ABOUT HER NEW BOOK "RELIGION AND "HIP-HOP", IN WHICH SHE SHEDS NEW LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT THAT MAY SURPRISE MOST AMERICANS. RE

JUNE 27 – TWO RULINGS FROM THE SUPREME COURT WEDNESDAY ARE BEING HAILED BY SUPPORTERS OF GAY MARRIAGE. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN TALKED ABOUT WHAT IMPACT THE RULING MAY HAVE IN OUR STATE WITH JENNIFER RUDINGER IS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE ACLU OF NORTH CAROLINA. RE

SP – Sports/Games/Races

APRIL 1 – CBS SPORTSCASTER, DOUG GOTTLIEB, MADE A COMMENT RECENTLY ON HIS COVERAGE DURING THE NCAA TOURNAMENT ABOUT QUOTE "GIVING THE WHITE MAN'S PERSPECTIVE" ON THE GAME. IN FAIRNESS HE WAS THE WAS ON A PANEL MADE UP OF FIVE TOTAL AND FOUR OF WHICH WERE AFRICAN AMERICAN. DEMETRI RAVANOS OF MAN FACT.COM TALKS WITH DOUG KELLETT ABOUT IF THIS SHOULD BE SUCH A BIG ISSUE THAT IT WARRANTS GOTTLIEB GETTING FIRED. SP

APRIL 1 – AS YOU HAVE BEEN ENJOYING MARCH MADNESS -- SOME ARE STILL WONDERING ABOUT THE FUTURE OF COLLEGE ATHLETICS -- AMONG THEM OUTGOING UNC-CHAPEL HILL CHANCELLOR HOLDEN THORP WHO SHARED SOME OF HIS THOUGHTS ON A RECENT EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS WITH DON CURTIS. SP

APRIL 2 – AMERICA'S PASTIME IS BACK, EVEN THOUGH IT SEEMS TO GET OVERSHADOWED BY FOOTBALL... SPORTS WRITER AND AUTHOR OF "WHO'S ON WORST", FILIP OF BONDY, TALKS TO DOUG KELLETT OF THE MORNING DRIVE TO OFFER INSIGHT ON WHAT COULD BE HURTING BASEBALL'S POPULARITY AND WETHER OR NOT FOOTBALL HAS TOTALLY TAKEN OVER? SP

APRIL 2 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-TONY RIGGSBEE-TALKS ABOUT THE OPENING OF THE 2013 BASEBALL SEASON-SP

APRIL 9 – NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH SYLVIA HATCHELL HAS BEEN ELECTED FOR INDUCTION INTO THE NAISMITH HALL OF FAME JOINING UNC COACHES FRANK MCGWIRE, DEAN SMITH AND ROY WILLIAMS...WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SAT DOWN WITH DAVID GLENN OF ACC.COM TO TALK ABOUT THE TAR HEEL HEAD COACH AS SHE JOINS SOME PRETTY GOOD COMPANY. SP

APRIL 11 – GUAN TIANLANG IS A 14-YEAR-OLD FROM CHINA WHO WILL MAKE HISTORY AS THE YOUNGEST PLAYER EVER TO QUALIFY FOR THE MASTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT. CBS NEWS' WYATT ANDREWS SPENT SOME TIME WITH TIANLANG IN HIS HOMETOWN. SP

APRIL 12 – PRIOR TO BEING SIGNED BY THE DENVER BRONCOS, PEYTON MANNING WORKED OUT AT DUKE WITH HIS OLD MENTOR, COACH DAVID CUTCLIFFE. WELL, HE WAS BACK AGAIN THIS WEEK, AND THIS TIME HE BROUGHT ALONG HIS BABY BROTHER, ELI ... THE NEW YORK GIANTS SUPERBOWL-WINNING QB WAS COACHED BY CUTCLIFFE AT TENNESSEE, AND HE TOOK A FEW MINUTES ON THURSDAY TO TALK TO THE PRESS ABOUT VISITING DUKE AND TRAINING WITH CUTCLIFFE. SP

APRIL 17 – THE BOMBINGS AT THE BOSTON MARATHON CONTINUE TO PULL ON OUR HEART STRINGS, AS WE LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DEVASTATING ATTACK ON HUNDREDS OF INNOCENT PEOPLE. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH CHAPEL HILL MAYOR MARK KLEINSCHMIDT TO GET HIS THOUGHTS ON THE TRAGIC INCIDENT AND WHAT WE CAN DO TO PREVENT AN ATTACK LIKE THIS. SP

APRIL 23 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW- BUZ MCKIM-NASCAR HALL OF FAME MUSEUM-HISTORY OF NASCAR AND THE MUSEUM- SP

APRIL 25 - TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DON FISH,DIRECTER,NORTH CAROLINA SPORTS HALL OF FAME-ON THE HALL'S NEW INDUCTEES-SP

MAY 1 – NBA VETERAN JASON COLLINS IS THE FIRST MALE IN A MAJOR TEAM SPORT TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE IS HOMOSEXUAL. TO FIND OUT THE IMPLICATIONS HIS ANNOUNCEMENT, WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH ORIN STARN, A CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGIST FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY. SP

MAY 6 – THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TOOK THE FIRST STEP TOWARD BIDDING FOR THE 2024 SUMMER GAMES BY MAILING A LETTER TO 35 CITIES, INCLUDING CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, TO GAUGE THEIR INTEREST IN BECOMING A BID CITY. WPTF'S BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH GIANNA ANGELOPULOS (JEE-AH-NUH AHN-JA-LA-PUH-LUS), THE PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE 2004 SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES IN ATHENS- TO FIND OUT WHAT IT WOULD TAKE FOR CHARLOTTE TO HOST THE OLYMPICS. SP

MAY 8 – THE NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE MOVING TO CABLE AS PART OF A NEW PROGRAMING SCHEDULE. WHILE CBS WILL STILL GET THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME IN 20-14 AND 20-15, T-B-S WILL BROADCAST THE FINAL FOUR EACH OF THE NEXT THREE YEARS AND THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN 20-16. THE FINAL FOUR GAMES AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME WILL RETURN TO CBS FOR 20-17 AND THE TWO CHANNELS WILL ALTERNATE RIGHTS THROUGH 20-24. THE TWO NETWORKS WILL SPLIT THE COVERAGE OF ELITE EIGHT GAMES BEGINNING NEXT YEAR. NCN SPORT'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKED WITH ACC SPORTS JOURNAL EDITOR DAVID GLENN ABOUT THIS NEWS. SP

MAY 8 – TOM KEARNEY SHOW-DAVE CHASE ON MOVIE "42" AND OTHER BASEBALL MOVIES AND BOOKS SP

MAY 16 – THE ACC TOURNAMENT COULD BE ON THE MOVE TO A CITY NOT LOCATED IN NORTH CAROLINA. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS DETAILS FROM PATRICK JOHNSON WITH REPORTERS ROUNDUP. SP

MAY 27 – ON A RECENT EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS, UNC SYSTEM PRESIDENT TOM ROSS IS THE GUEST.. IN THIS PREVIEW, HE TALKED WITH HOST DON CURTIS ABOUT THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF COLLEGE ATHLETICS. SP

MAY 28 – NASCAR FAN FROM CUMBERLAND COUNTY WAS SITTING JUST ROWS FROM WHERE SOME CABLES CAME DOWN DURING SUNDAY'S COCA-COLA 600. WTVD TV'S GREG BARNES REPORTS. SP

MAY 28 – ON THIS DAY AFTER MEMORIAL DAY.. WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED THIS COUNTRY SO PROUDLY AND GIVEN SO MUCH... WHILE HE WOULD NEVER RELATE REPRESENTING THE UNITED STATES ON THE BASKETBALL COURT TO WHAT THE MILITARY DO FOR OUR NATION, DUKE COACH MIKE KRZYZEWSKI'S MILITARY PEDIGREE RUNS DEEP... HE ATTENDED THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AND HAS BROUGHT THE SAME SENSE OF REPRESENTING THE U-S TO HIS ENDEAVORS WITH USA BASKETBALL... PATRICK JOHNSON HAS MORE. SP

JUNE 3 – THERE'S A BATTLE BREWING AT PNC ARENA, BUT IT ISN'T ON THE ICE OR THE BASKETBALL COURT. STEPHANIE HAWCO TALKED TO JASON DEBRUIN OF THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL ABOUT CLAIMS THAT N-C STATE ISN'T PLAYING FAIR WHEN IT COMES TO WORKING OUT A SCHEDULE WITH THE CAROLINA HURRICANES. SP

JUNE 10 – FOLLOWING A MIAMI NEW TIMES REPORT THAT A FLORIDA ANTI-AGING CLINIC WAS LINKED TO MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS AND PERFORMANCE ENHANCING DRUGS, THE LEAGUE HAS LAUNCHED ITS LATEST DRUG INVESTIGATION, ISSUING SUBPOENAS TO

FEDEX, AT&T AND T-MOBILE IN AN ATTEMPT TO GAIN RECORDS FOR ITS INVESTIGATION. TALK RADIO 850'S DOUG KELLETT SPOKE WITH SPORTS HISTORIAN JOHN GREENBURG ABOUT THE SCANDAL. SP

JUNE 20 – FOR THE FIFTH TIME THIS YEAR UNC AND NC STATE WILL MEET IN A SPORTS ARENA. TONIGHT IT WILL BE AT THE COLLEGE WORLD SERIES IN OMAHA. WTVD TV'S SHEYENNE RODRIGUEZ REPORTS. SP

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PEOPLE IN POLITICS

HE LOST THE RACE FOR THE 7TH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL SEAT BY JUST 654 VOTES LAST FALL, BUT NOW DAVID ROUZER, REPUBLICAN OF JOHNSTON COUNTY SAYS HE WILL AGAIN SEEK THE GOP NOMINATION IN AN EFFORT TO UNSEAT DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN MIKE MCINTYRE. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH ROUZER TO FIND OUT WHY HE THINKS HE LOST, WHAT HE HOPES TO DO IN A SECOND RUN, HOW HE EXPECTS TO BOOST HIS VOTE COUNT, AND HIS VIEW OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE. THEN WE TURN TO THE ISSUE OF PARTISANSHIP IN WASHINGTON D.C. OFFERING HIS VIEW IS TOM CAMPBELL, HOST OF THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS SHOW NC SPIN, WHO CHATS WITH DON CURTIS ON A RECENT EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS. THEN WE TURN TO THE 2016 RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE. HILLARY CLINTON ALREADY SEEMS TO BE MAKING A RUN AND SHE HAS PLENTY OF SUPPORT WITHIN HER PARTY. TOM JENSEN OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING UPDATES MARTINEZ WITH THE LATEST DATA ON CLINTON AND VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN, AS WELL AS HALF A DOZEN REPUBLICANS WHO ENJOY PLENTY OF PARTY SUPPORT AND COULD GIVE THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE A SERIOUS RUN. NEXT IS A LOOK AT GOV. PAT MCCRORY'S WEEK AND HIS ANNOUNCEMENT OF A MAJOR OVERHAUL OF THE STATE'S DYSFUNCTIONAL MEDICAID SYSTEM. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY COMMENTS ABOUT THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET – AND A POSSIBLE POLITICAL MOTIVATION FOR PROPOSED CLOSURE OF SEVERAL HISTORIC SITES – FROM RAN COBLE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH. FINALLY, MARTINEZ PROVIDES A NEWS UPDATE ON CLAUDE POPE'S CAMPAIGN FOR REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRMAN, A NEW BOOK BEING PENNED BY 3RD DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN WALTER JONES, AND SAME-SEX MARRIAGE SUPPORT FROM DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMEN G.K. BUTTERFIELD AND MEL WATT.

****ISSUES COVERED: NC CONGRESSIONAL RACES; A POSSIBLE MIKE MCINTYRE-DAVID ROUZER REMATCH IN THE 7TH DISTRICT; VOTING RECOUNT; THE IMPACT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY ON NORTH CAROLINA; CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING; THE MARRIAGE PROTECTION ACT AND SAME-SEX MARRIAGE; LIBERAL/CONSERVATIVE VALUES; MEDIA BIAS; EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT AND JOB CREATION; ECONOMIC RECOVERY; 2016 PRESIDENTIAL RACE; PUBLIC POLICY POLLING; POSSIBLE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN NOMINEES FOR PRESIDENT IN 2016; SENATOR KAY HAGAN'S RE-ELECTION CHANCES IN 2014; SUPPORT FOR SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN NORTH CAROLINA****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH ELLIS HANKINS", EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

****ISSUES COVERED: CITIES AND TOWNS; NC GEOGRAPHY; STATE GOVERNMENT; NC STATE LEGISLATURE; STATE BUDGET; STATE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES FOR THE STATE TO HAVE A BALANCED BUDGET; POLITICAL SCIENCE; REDISTRICTING; CITY GOVERNMENT; UNAFFILIATED VOTERS; STRENGTHENING THE STATE'S INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE COST OF MAINTAINING IT; WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS AND OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES; ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND GROWTH; STATE TAX REFORM****

PA BLOCK FOR 04-14-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

GRAND JURY TROUBLE FOR A DONOR TO FORMER GOV. BEVERLY PERDUE'S CAMPAIGN COMES TO A HEAD WITH A WAKE COUNTY GRAND JURY ISSUING A PRESENTMENT – THE PRECURSOR TO INDICTMENT – RELATED TO ACTIVITIES BY CHARLES FULENWIDER. CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON EXPLAINS TO HOST DONNA MARTINEZ THE ORIGINS OF THE QUESTIONS AND THE CONTINUED INQUIRIES INTO PERDUE DONORS MONTHS AFTER THE FIRST WOMAN GOVERNOR HAS LEFT OFFICE. HENDERSON ALSO DISCUSSES BACKGROUND INTO THE MAN SEN. KAY HAGAN HAS HIRED TO RUN HER RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN. PRESTON ELLIOTT IS A DEMOCRATIC PARTY HEAVYWEIGHT WHO HAS RUN SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS FOR U.S. SENATORS THOUGHT TO BE ENDANGERED. THEN WE TURN TO LEGISLATIVE ISSUES. SGR TODAY.COM'S RICK MARTINEZ LOOKS AT AN EFFORT TO FORCE WELFARE RECIPIENTS TO TAKE DRUG TESTS, WHILE SEN. MALCOLM GRAHAM, DEMOCRAT OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, STEPS TO THE PODIUM AFTER A MEETING WITH GOV. PAT MCCRORY, AND MAKES THE CASE FOR CONTINUED FUNDING OF HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE WAKE OF TALK THAT A UNC CAMPUS MIGHT FACE CLOSURE. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION WITH STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRMAN RANDY VOLLER ABOUT THE PARTY'S VEHEMENT OPPOSITION TO A PROPOSED LAW TO REQUIRE SOME FORM OF PHOTO I.D. TO VOTE IN NORTH CAROLINA. FOR THE OPPOSING VIEW, WE HEAR FROM HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS ABOUT THE PROPOSAL, AS WELL AS HIS VIEW ON WHY HE THINKS THE LEGISLATURE SHOULD SCRUTINIZE EARLY VOTING LAWS.

****ISSUES COVERED: POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS AND MISCONDUCT WITH CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS; SENATOR KAY HAGAN'S RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN 2014; U.S. CONGRESSIONAL 7TH DISTRICT SEAT; NAACP AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE NC DEMOCRATIC PARTY; VOTER ID BILL; RIGHT-TO-VOTE RULES AND REGULATIONS; VOTING RIGHTS; EARLY VOTING; MAIL-IN BALLOTS; THE POSSIBILITY OF VOTER FRAUD; PROVISIONAL BALLOTS; ACQUIRING IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING; STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS; PURGING COUNTY-BY-COUNTY RECORDS OF DECEASED VOTERS****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH BECKI GRAY", VICE-PRESIDENT FOR OUTREACH AT THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION

****ISSUES COVERED: JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION; STATE GOVERNMENT; NC STATE LEGISLATURE; DIFFERING IDEAS FOR STATE TAX REFORM; INCOME, SALES, PROPERTY, AND CORPORATE TAXES; SERVICE TAXES; BUSINESS LICENSING FEES; FLAT TAXES/REGRESSIVE TAXES; EARNED INCOME TAX CREDITS; EDUCATION REFORM OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS; TEACHER TENURE AND MERIT PAY; CONTRACTS FOR TEACHERS; CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING SUCCESS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS' TESTS; TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS;

“GREEN” ENERGY; CONSUMERISM AND CONSUMER AWARENESS; INCREASED COSTS FOR ENERGY; ENERGY SUBSIDIES****

PA BLOCK FOR 04-21-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

MOMENTUM IS BUILDING IN THE LEGISLATURE FOR PASSAGE OF A BILL THAT WOULD REQUIRE SOME FORM OF PHOTO I.D. TO VOTE IN NORTH CAROLINA. BUT WHILE POLLS SHOW THE MAJORITY OF NORTH CAROLINIANS SUPPORT THE IDEA, THE DEBATE AMONG LEGISLATORS CONTINUES TO ESCALATE. THIS WEEK, IN THE HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, REPS. JOHN BLUST (R-GUILFORD) AND REP. EVELYN TERRY (D-FORSYTH) SQUARED OFF WITH OPPOSING VIEWS – BLUST IN SUPPORT OF AN I.D. AND TERRY AGAINST. YOU’LL HEAR THE DEBATE. THEN WE TAKE YOU TO A NEWS CONFERENCE FEATURING A BIPARTISAN GROUP OF LEGISLATORS WHO’VE SIGNED ON TO A BILL THAT WOULD CHANGE THE WAY NORTH CAROLINA DRAWS ITS ELECTION DISTRICTS. YOU’LL HEAR FROM DEMOCRATIC REPS. RICK GLAZIER (CUMBERLAND COUNTY) AND DEBORAH ROSS (WAKE COUNTY) AND REPUBLICAN REP. CHUCK MCGRADY OF HENDERSON COUNTY ABOUT THE PUSH TO TAKE POLITICS OUT OF THE PROCESS. THAT’S FOLLOWED BY SOME TOUGH WORDS FOR STATE DEMOCRATS FROM ONE OF THEIR OWN – DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL CONSULTANT THOMAS MILLS. MILLS SITS DOWN WITH MARTINEZ TO EXPLAIN WHAT HE THINKS IT WILL TAKE TO REBUILD THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY FOLLOWING DEVASTATING LOSSES AT THE POLLS IN 2010 AND 2012, AND WHAT DEMOCRATS SHOULD BE DOING TO WORK WITH REPUBLICANS WHO HOLD THE MAJORITY. THEN WE HEAR FROM LT. GOV. DAN FOREST ABOUT WHY HE’S JOINED A GRASSROOTS EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE SALES TAX REFORM IN THE STATE.

****ISSUES COVERED: STATE GOVERNMENT; VOTER ID; REDISTRICTING; POPULATION GROWTH; RURAL/URBAN AREAS; STATE TAX REFORM; NC’S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE; JOB CREATION; EMPLOYMENT; BUSINESS/CORPORATE TAX RATES; PERSONAL INCOME TAX RATES; NC GASOLINE TAX; BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY; NC’S BUSINESS CLIMATE****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

“INTERVIEW WITH TOM JENSEN”, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC POLICY POLLING

****ISSUES COVERED: POLLING AND SURVEYS; POLLING OF SENATOR HAGAN’S PROSPECTS FOR RE-ELECTION; VOTING TRENDS; 2014 ELECTIONS; NC HISTORY; NC’S POLITICAL CLIMATE; POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS AND POLITICAL SPENDING; MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS; GUN CONTROL DEBATE AND GUN CONTROL ISSUES; THE ECONOMY; EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT; JOB CREATION; CHANCES FOR REDISTRICTING REFORM; VOTING DEMOGRAPHICS; IMPORTANCE OF HISPANIC VOTE IN NC; HEALTH CARE AND THE AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE ACT****

PA BLOCK FOR 04-28-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

TRAGEDY STRUCK DEMOCRATIC PARTY CIRCLES THIS WEEK AS UP-AND-COMING PARTY FUNDRAISER JAMIE HAHN WAS STABBED TO DEATH AND HER HUSBAND, NATION, WAS WOUNDED IN AN ATTACK ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED BY A FAMILY FRIEND WHOSE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES RELATED TO POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS MAY BE IN QUESTION. DEMOCRATIC CONSULTANT THOMAS MILLS TALKS WITH HOST DONNA MARTINEZ AND REFLECTS ON JAMIE AND NATION HAHN’S WORK FOR DEMOCRATS AND THEIR MANY FRIENDS WHO ARE TRYING

TO COPE WITH THE SENSELESS LOSS OF LIFE. AMONG THOSE JAMIE WORKED FOR IS 4TH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN DAVID PRICE, WHO ALSO TELLS MARTINEZ OF HAHN'S WORK AND THE SHOCK OF HER DEATH. THEN WE TURN TO A LOOK AT AN UPCOMING TRIAL FOR FORMER STATE LEGISLATOR STEPHEN LAROQUE, WHO IS FACING FEDERAL CHARGES RELATED TO MONEY HE USED TO OPERATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NONPROFIT GROUPS. SARAH OVASKA, REPORTER FOR N.C. POLICY WATCH, EXPLAINS THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE REPUBLICAN FROM KINSTON. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A LOOK AT THE THREE ASSOCIATES OF FORMER GOV. BEVERLY PERDUE WHO THIS WEEK FACED THE JUDGE OVER A CAMPAIGN FINANCE SCHEME TO CIRCUMVENT LIMITS ON POLITICAL DONATIONS. RICK HENDERSON OF CAROLINA JOURNAL EXPLAINS WHAT HAPPENED AND WHAT THE JUDGE TOLD THE MEN IN COURT. THEN WE VISIT THE LATEST INSTALLMENT OF THE VOTER I.D. SAGA THAT IS PLAYING OUT IN NORTH CAROLINA. THIS WEEK THE N.C. HOUSE PASSED A BILL THAT WOULD REQUIRE AN I.D. TO VOTE, WITH DEMOCRATS CASTING THE BILL AS HARKENING BACK TO THE DAYS OF POLL TAXES. STEPHANIE HAWCO PROVIDES THE DETAILS OF THE CONTENTIOUS DEBATE, AND MARTINEZ GETS LEGAL ANALYSIS OF THE POLL TAX ISSUE FROM JEANETTE DORAN OF THE N.C. INSTITUTE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LAW. DORAN SAYS THE HOUSE BILL IS CONSTITUTIONAL AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A POLL TAX. THEN WE TURN TO THE COMPETITION TO BE THE NEXT CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY. CANDIDATE JACK BROSCHE TELLS MARTINEZ WHY HE WANTS TO LEAD THE PARTY AND HOW HE IS DIFFERENT FROM THE SECOND DECLARED CANDIDATE, CLAUDE POPE.

****ISSUES COVERED: STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY; COMMUNITY ISSUES; POLITICS AND POLITICAL PARTIES; THE UPCOMING TRIAL OF FORMER STATE LEGISLATOR STEPHEN LAROQUE; POSSIBLE MISUSE OF FEDERAL FUNDS; VOTER ID BILL; CAMPAIGN FINANCES, CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW, AND POLITICAL DONATIONS; POSSIBLE ILLEGAL FUNDING FOR CAMPAIGN FLIGHTS FOR FORMER GOVERNOR BEV PERDUE; VOTER ID BILL; CONSTITUTIONALITY OF USING AND ID TO VOTE; POLL TAXES; NC REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRMANSHIP****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH BRAD CRONE", PRESIDENT, CAMPAIGN CONNECTIONS

****ISSUES COVERED: STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADERSHIP AND PLATFORM; UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN 2014 AND BEYOND; REDISTRICTING REFORM; 2020 COMMISSION AND A STATE PLAN; VOTER ID; GUN SAFETY AND GUN CONTROL; PRIVATIZING THE NC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; BUSINESS GROWTH AND JOB CREATION; GOVERNOR MCCRORY'S APPROVAL RATING; DOROTHEA DIX PROPERTY; PRIVATIZING MEDICAID; THE STATE'S INFRASTRUCTURE; STATE'S TRANSPORTATION/ROAD NEEDS; NC'S PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND CHARTER SCHOOLS****

PA BLOCK FOR 05-05-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

IT'S THE END OF TWO DECADES OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONTROL OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, AS GOV. PAT MCCRORY APPOINTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS TO REFLECT A REPUBLICAN IN THE GOVERNOR'S SEAT. THE BOARD'S FIRST DAY IN ACTION INCLUDED THE APPOINTMENT OF THE STAFF'S CHIEF INVESTIGATOR, KIM STRACH, AS ELECTIONS DIRECTOR, REPLACING LONG-TIME DEMOCRAT DIRECTOR GARY BARTLETT, WHOSE TERM IS EXPIRING. RICK HENDERSON OF CAROLINA JOURNAL JOINS HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TO ASSESS THE MOVE AND DISCUSSES STRACH'S KNOWLEDGE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW, AS EVIDENCED BY HER WORK IN FERRETING OUT WRONGDOING BY FORMER HOUSE SPEAKER JIM BLACK THAT ENDED IN A PRISON SENTENCE. MARTINEZ AND HENDERSON ALSO DISCUSS

RECENT PROTESTS AND ARRESTS AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, A NEW POLL THAT SHOWS BROAD SUPPORT FOR AN INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, THE DEPARTURE FROM THE LEGISLATURE OF A ONE-TIME RISING STAR IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AND PRESIDENT OBAMA'S NOMINATIONS OF TWO NORTH CAROLINA POLITICIANS FOR KEY WASHINGTON D.C. POSTS. THEN WE HEAR THE PRESIDENT'S OWN WORDS ABOUT HIS NOMINEES, CHARLOTTE MAYOR ANTHONY FOXX FOR SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, AND CONGRESSMAN MEL WATT OF THE 12TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOR HEAD OF THE FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY. WE ALSO BRING YOU MAYOR FOXX'S COMMENTS. THEN WE TURN TO A POTENTIAL PRIMARY CHALLENGE FROM THE RIGHT FOR REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN WALTER JONES OF THE 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. CRAVEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER SCOTT DACEY EXPLAINS WHY HE'S CONSIDERING A RUN AGAINST THE 18-YEAR VETERAN. AND FINALLY, WE BRING YOU THE LATEST INFORMATION ON THE STABBING MURDER OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY FUNDRAISER JAMIE HAHN, AS WELL AS REMEMBRANCES FROM HER FRIENDS AND POLITICAL COLLEAGUES WHO ATTENDED HER MEMORIAL SERVICE THIS WEEK.

****ISSUES COVERED: STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS; CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW; COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM; NC PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND HIGHER EDUCATION; NAACP; VOTER ID; STATE GOVERNMENT AND NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY; CHARLOTTE MAYOR ANTHONY FOXX NAMED U.S. SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; MEL WATT NAMED HEAD OF FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY; 2014 NC SENATE RACE FOR SEAT HELD BY SENATOR KAY HAGAN; POLITICAL FUNDRAISING; NC STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH TOM ROSS", PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SYSTEM

****ISSUES COVERED: PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES AND HIGHER EDUCATION; JOB CREATION; NC SUPERIOR COURT; EDUCATION SPENDING AND THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION PROVIDED; NC ECONOMY AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY; FACULTY RETENTION; COLLEGE TUITION; 16-CAMPUS NC PUBLIC UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES; NC PUBLIC SCHOOLS; COLLEGE PREPARATORY CLASSES; NC BOARD OF GOVERNORS; BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR EACH NC CAMPUS; UNIVERSITY BUDGETS; THE COST OF COLLEGE ATHLETICS; THE STRUCTURE OF THE ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE; CONFERENCE REALIGNMENT; IDEAS FOR REFORM IN COLLEGE ATHLETICS; NCAA RULES VIOLATIONS; RECRUITING TOP FACULTY FOR THE NC CAMPUS SYSTEM; DEMANDS/EXPECTATIONS FOR THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PRESIDENT****

PA BLOCK FOR 05-12-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY FINDS HIMSELF IN HOT WATER – WITH SOME VETERANS IN HIS OWN PARTY – FOLLOWING HIS COMMENT THAT NORTH CAROLINA REPUBLICANS ARE "RAPING" CITIZENS WITH THEIR POLICIES. VETERAN DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL CONSULTANT THOMAS MILLS TELLS HOST DONNA MARTINEZ WHY HE'S CONCERNED ABOUT THE DIRECTION AND LEADERSHIP OF THE PARTY, AND WHY THE REPUBLICANS NEED TO BE HELD TO ACCOUNT FOR THEIR LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS. THEN WILLIAM PEACE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR DAVID MCLENNAN ASSESSES THE IMPACT OF PROTESTS AGAINST LEGISLATIVE REPUBLICANS BY THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE NAACP. NEXT IS A LOOK AT THE TAX OVERHAUL LAID OUT THIS WEEK BY SENATE REPUBLICANS, WHO SAY IT WILL RESULT IN A \$1 BILLION TAX CUT. SENATE LEADER PHIL BERGER OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY AND BOB RUCHO OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY TALK ABOUT THE GOAL OF THE PLAN. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A LOOK AT GOV. PAT MCCRORY'S

STATURE WITHIN THE NATIONAL GOP. NC STATE PROFESSOR ANDY TAYLOR WEIGHS IN ON WHAT IT MEANS FOR MCCRORY TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO GIVE LAST WEEK'S GOP RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT OBAMA'S WEEKLY RADIO AND INTERNET ADDRESS. TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE GOVERNOR'S WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH LEGISLATIVE REPUBLICANS, BARLOW HERGET OF SGRTODAY.COM TALKS WITH VETERAN REPUBLICAN LAWMAKER LEO DAUGHTRY OF JOHNSTON COUNTY. THEN WE TURN OUR ATTENTION TO WHAT COULD BE THE POLITICAL COMEBACK STORY OF THE YEAR. FORMER SOUTH CAROLINA GOV. MARK SANFORD TALKS ABOUT HIS HUGE WIN OVER DEMOCRAT ELIZABETH COLBERT BUSCH FOR A SEAT IN THE U.S. CONGRESS.

****ISSUES COVERED: NC DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRMANSHIP; NC CHAPTER OF THE NAACP AND THE IMPACT OF THEIR PROTESTS; 2014 ELECTIONS; VOTER ID BILL; STATE TAX REFORM; REVENUE FROM SALES TAXES; NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY; NC GOVERNOR'S OFFICE; GOVERNOR MCCRORY'S GOP RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT OBAMA'S WEEKLY RADIO ADDRESS; FORMER S.C. GOVERNOR MARK SANFORD WINS CONGRESSIONAL SEAT IN S.C.****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH NC SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, THOM TILLIS"

****ISSUES COVERED: NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY; VIDEO CONFERENCING; TERM LIMITS FOR SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AND PRESIDENT PRO TEM OF THE SENATE; REDISTRICTING; VOTING RIGHTS ACT; POPULATION GROWTH; STATE TAX REFORM; RECRUITING COMPANIES TO MOVE TO NORTH CAROLINA; BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY AND JOB CREATION AND DEVELOPMENT; WORKPLACE SAFETY; PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT; REGULATORY REFORM****

PA BLOCK FOR 05-19-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

A POLITICAL FIRESTORM ENGULFS THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION AS THE IRS ADMITS IT HAS BEEN TARGETING FOR SPECIAL TAX SCRUTINY, NONPROFITS GROUPS ALIGNED WITH THE TEA PARTY MOVEMENT AND BELIEFS IN LIMITED GOVERNMENT. WE HEAR REACTION FROM PRESIDENT OBAMA AND NORTH CAROLINA SENS. KAY HAGAN AND RICHARD BURR. THEN HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH THE STATE DIRECTOR OF A NONPROFIT GROUP FREQUENTLY CRITICIZED BY PRESIDENT OBAMA FOR ITS SUPPORT OF LIMITED GOVERNMENT. DALLAS WOODHOUSE OF AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY NORTH CAROLINA WEIGHS IN ON THE IRS TACTICS, AND ALSO GIVES HIS ASSESSMENT OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES IN RALEIGH. THEN PEOPLE IN POLITICS CORRESPONDENT STEPHANIE HAWCO GIVES MARTINEZ THE LATEST RUNDOWN ON WHAT HAVE BECOME WEEKLY PROTESTS BY THE NORTH CAROLINA NAACP AGAINST LEGISLATIVE REPUBLICANS. HAWCO AND MARTINEZ ALSO DISCUSS THE RE-EMERGENCE OF SEN. JOHN EDWARDS AND NEWS THAT EDWARDS HAS REACTIVATED HIS LAW LICENSE AND WILL SPEAK TO A GROUP NEXT MONTH. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY PERSPECTIVE FROM REPUBLICAN HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY ON ISSUES INCLUDING THE IMPENDING PASSAGE OF A BILL THAT WILL REQUIRE A PHOTO I.D. TO VOTE AND THE PROSPECT OF AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION TO HANDLING REDRAWING OF ELECTION DISTRICTS EVERY 10 YEARS. THEN WE DELVE INTO WHETHER CLAIMS BY THOSE OPPOSED TO LAST YEAR'S MARRIAGE AMENDMENT HAVE COME TRUE IN THE WAKE OF THE PASSAGE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT DEFINES MARRIAGE IN NORTH CAROLINA AS BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN. TAMI FITZGERALD OF THE NORTH CAROLINA VALUES COALITION ALSO DISCUSSES WITH MARTINEZ FRANKLIN GRAHAM'S COMMENTS THAT THE GRAHAM ORGANIZATION WAS VISITED BY IRS AGENTS AFTER IT RAN NEWSPAPER ADS IN SUPPORT OF LAST YEAR'S AMENDMENT, KNOWN AS

AMENDMENT ONE. AND FINALLY, AS THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WATERGATE HEARINGS ARRIVES, WE GET EYEWITNESS PERSPECTIVE FROM A NORTH CAROLINIAN WHO WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE SCANDAL THAT LED TO THE RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT NIXON. RUFUS EDMISTEN, FORMER COUNSEL TO SEN. SAM ERVIN, WHO LED THE SENATE INVESTIGATION, TELLS PEOPLE IN POLITICS CORRESPONDENT PATRICK JOHNSON ABOUT HIS MEMORIES OF THOSE FATEFUL MONTHS. EDMISTEN, FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL AND SECRETARY OF STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, ALSO DISCUSSES A NEW MUSEUM OF HISTORY EXHIBIT THAT FEATURES MEMENTOS AND TIMELINES OF THE EVENTS.

****ISSUES COVERED: POLITICAL FAVORITISM, THE IRS, AND THE IRS SCANDAL; FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT; U.S. TREASURY; AUDITING THE IRS AND CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF THE IRS; AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY; TARGETING "TEA PARTY" ORGANIZATIONS; NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY; NAACP AND CIVIL RIGHTS PROTESTS; JOHN EDWARDS RE-ACTIVATES HIS LAW LICENSE; GOVERNOR MARK SANFORD RESURRECTS HIS POLITICAL CAREER; VOTER ID BILL; PHOTO ID'S; INTERVIEW WITH SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, THOM TILLIS; TERM LIMITS FOR SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AND PRESIDENT PRO TEM OF THE SENATE; WATERGATE; INTERVIEW WITH RUFUS EDMISTEN, FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL AND SECRETARY OF STATE IN NORTH CAROLINA; NC MUSEUM OF HISTORY****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH LARRY WOOTEN", PRESIDENT OF THE NC FARM BUREAU

****ISSUES COVERED: NC FARM BUREAU; FARM COMMODITIES; INSURANCE; SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMING COMMUNITIES IN NORTH CAROLINA; AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND EXPORTS; NC POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK; NURSERY INDUSTRY; TOBACCO AND SWEET POTATO PRODUCTION; TURKEY PROCESSING PLANTS IN N.C.; RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH GRANTS; TECHNOLOGY AND FOOD PRODUCTION; 4-H'ERS AND FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA; LAND GRANT UNIVERSITIES; FARM LABOR; THE IMMIGRANT LABOR FORCE; DOCUMENTED/UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS; LEGAL/ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION****

PA BLOCK FOR 05-26-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND EDITION OF PEOPLE IN POLITICS FEATURES STEPHANIE HAWCO, WHO JOINS HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TO DISCUSS THE INDICTMENT OF A FAMILY FRIEND AND PROFESSIONAL COLLEAGUE IN THE RECENT MURDER OF DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL FUNDRAISER JAMIE HAHN, WHO WAS KILLED IN HER RALEIGH HOME AS HER HUSBAND NATION WAS ATTACKED AS WELL. HAWCO ALSO RELATES AN UNCOMFORTABLE MOMENT ON THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE FLOOR DURING THE WEEK WHEN A REPUBLICAN LEGISLATOR READ INTO THE RECORD A LETTER CRITICIZING HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS OVER A POLICY DISAGREEMENT. THEN WE REVISIT AN INTERVIEW WITH RICK HENDERSON OF CAROLINA JOURNAL WHO EXPLAINS THREE CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS MADE BY GOV. PAT MCCRORY. THE BOARD WAS FLIPPED FROM THREE DEMOCRATS AND TWO REPUBLICANS, TO THREE REPUBLICANS AND TWO DEMOCRATS. THEN DEMOCRATIC U.S. SEN. KAY HAGAN INTRODUCES CHARLOTTE MAYOR ANTHONY FOXX TO THE U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE THAT WILL OVERSEE HIS CONFIRMATION HEARINGS TO BE THE NEXT U.S. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER LOOK AT LAST YEAR'S MARRIAGE AMENDMENT WITH TAMI FITZGERALD OF THE NORTH CAROLINA VALUES COALITION. FITZGERALD ASSESSES WHAT HAS OCCURRED IN THE YEAR SINCE THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WAS PASSED AND SAYS FACTS REFUTE CLAIMS BY THE OPPOSITION THAT GAYS AND LESBIANS WOULD EXPERIENCE DISCRIMINATION DUE TO THE AMENDMENT'S PASSAGE. NEXT IS PEOPLE IN POLITICS CORRESPONDENT PATRICK JOHNSON'S ENGAGING INTERVIEW WITH RUFUS EDMISTEN, THE FORMER AIDE TO SEN. SAM

ERVIN, WHO LED THE SENATE INVESTIGATION OF WATERGATE. EDMISTEN DISCUSSES A NEW WATERGATE EXHIBIT AT THE N.C. MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND RECALLS KEY EVENTS IN THE WATERGATE SAGA. AND FINALLY, TOM JENSEN OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING EXPLAINS WHY POLLSTERS WHO SO WRONG ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE S.C. CONGRESSIONAL RACE THAT ENDED WITH A HUGE WIN FOR FORMER S.C. GOV. MARK SANFORD. POLLSTERS, INCLUDING PUBLIC POLICY POLLING, SAID THE RACE WAS A DEAD HEAT GOING INTO ELECTION DAY.

****ISSUES COVERED: DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN NORTH CAROLINA; POLITICS; CAMPAIGN FINANCE IRREGULARITIES; STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRMANSHIP; NC DEMOCRATIC PARTY FUNDRAISING; NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY; NC STATE BUDGET; U.S. TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY NOMINEE, ANTHONY FOX; THE PROTECTION OF MARRIAGE ACT; PRIVATE CONTRACTS BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES; FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; WATERGATE; INTERVIEW WITH FORMER NC SECRETARY OF STATE RUFUS EDMISTEN; ANALYSIS OF FORMER S.C. GOVERNOR MARK SANFORD'S BIG WIN IN THE S.C. CONGRESSIONAL RACE****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN", WILLIAM NEAL REYNOLDS DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

****ISSUES COVERED: THE ECONOMY; THE RECESSION; ECONOMIC RECOVERY; STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE; HOUSING MARKET; CONSTRUCTION STARTS; JOB GROWTH; EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT; DECLINING INTEREST RATES; FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION; TOLL ROADS AND THE STATE GAS TAX; STATE TAX REFORM; SALES TAXES; TAX RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES; INCOME TAXES; NC STATE INFRASTRUCTURE; MANUFACTURING; MEGA FARMS; AGRIBUSINESS****

PA BLOCK FOR 06-02-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

HE'S BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SPECULATION FOR MONTHS, BUT THIS WEEK, HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS ANNOUNCED HE WILL SEEK THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR THE U.S. SENATE SEAT NOW HELD BY DEMOCRAT KAY HAGAN. PEOPLE IN POLITICS CORRESPONDENT STEPHANIE HAWCO JOINS HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TO DISCUSS TILLIS' DECISIONS, HIS FUNDRAISING PROWESS, POTENTIAL PRIMARY CHALLENGERS, AND A PRO-TILLIS SUPER PAC THAT HAS BEEN FORMED. THEN THE DISCUSSION TURNS TO THE FEDERAL TRIAL OF FORMER REPUBLICAN REP. STEPHEN LAROQUE OF KINSTON. RICK HENDERSON OF CAROLINA JOURNAL GIVES MARTINEZ BACKGROUND ON THE CASE AND DISCUSSES THE HIGH-PROFILE ATTORNEY DEFENDING LAROQUE ON CHARGES HE USED FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS MEANT FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NONPROFIT HE RAN FOR PERSONAL USE AND A LAVISH LIFESTYLE FOR FAMILY MEMBERS. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY NEW POLLING DATA FROM PUBLIC POLICY POLLING ON THE HAGAN SENATE RACE. NEXT ARE COMMENTS FROM TWO CANDIDATES FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY. THE PARTY WILL CHOOSE A CHAIRMAN NEXT WEEK. MARTINEZ REVISITS HER RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH CLAUDE POPE AND JACK BROSCHE. THEN BARLOW HERGET OF SGRTODAY.COM TALKS WITH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER WAYNE GOODWIN ABOUT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REPUBLICAN-LED LEGISLATURE AND REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR FOLLOWING DECADES OF DEMOCRAT PARTY CONTROL.

****ISSUES COVERED: FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; NC U.S. SENATE SEAT CURRENTLY HELD BY SEN. KAY HAGAN; THOM TILLIS ANNOUNCES HE IS RUNNING FOR U.S. SENATE IN 2014;

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING; SUPER PAC'S; FEDERAL TRIAL OF FORMER REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN LAROQUE FROM KINSTON; NORTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY; NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY; SCHOOL VOUCHERS; PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATION; CHARTER SCHOOLS; EDUCATION; SCHOOL CHOICES; NC REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRMANSHIP****

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"INTERVIEW WITH RAN COBLE", EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NC CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH

****ISSUES COVERED: STATE GOVERNMENT; REDISTRICTING; NAACP; FEDERAL VOTING RIGHTS ACT; AN INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION; POPULATION GROWTH AND SHIFTS; ANALYSIS OF CURRENT NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE ACT; STATE BUDGET PLANS; MEDICAID AND MEDICARE; POPULARITY OF NC GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY; NC EUGENICS VICTIMS; NC COURT SYSTEM; VOTER ID BILL****

PA BLOCK FOR 06-09-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

PRESIDENT OBAMA HEADED BACK TO NORTH CAROLINA THIS WEEK FOR A STOP IN THE CHARLOTTE AREA TO TOUT HIS MIDDLE CLASS JOBS PROGRAMS. HIS VISIT COMES AMID A VARIETY OF SCANDALS ENGULFING KEY AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS. DR. DAVID MCLENNAN OF WILLIAM PEACE UNIVERSITY OFFERS PERSPECTIVE TO HOST DONNA MARTINEZ ON HOW THE SCANDALS ARE IMPACTING THE PRESIDENT'S SECOND TERM, AS WELL AS WHY SEN. KAY HAGAN'S SENATE SEAT IS BEING EYED BY BOTH REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS. THEN CBS CORRESPONDENT HOWARD ARENSTEEN EXPLAINS WHY THE FBI BELIEVES MORE RICIN-LACED LETTERS COULD BE IN THE WORKS AS THE AGENCY INVESTIGATES MULTIPLE INCIDENTS OF TAINTED LETTERS MAILED TO THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER OFFICIALS. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY ANALYSIS OF NEW POLLING DATA THAT SHOWS THE QUESTIONS SWIRLING AROUND THE BENGHAZI TERRORIST ATTACK IS IMPACTING HILLARY CLINTON'S APPROVAL RATING. THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER'S PAUL BEDARD PROVIDES THE BACKGROUND. THEN DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL CONSULTANT THOMAS MILLS TALKS WITH MARTINEZ ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HAGAN SENATE RACE AND THE GROWING CRITICISM OF REPUBLICANS AND GOP-LED POLICIES IN THE LEGISLATURE. THEN CASH MICHAELS OF THE CAROLINIANS ASSESSES THE IMPACT OF THE NAACP PROTESTS DUBBED "MORAL MONDAYS" ON THE GOP. AND FINALLY, GOV. PAT MCCRORY TALKS WITH CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS HOST DON CURTIS ABOUT HIS POLITICAL BACKGROUND, HIS YEARS AS CHARLOTTE MAYOR, AND LIFE IN THE EXECUTIVE MANSION.

****ISSUES COVERED: PRESIDENT OBAMA VISITS NORTH CAROLINA; POLITICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE; STATE GEOGRAPHY; STATE DEMOGRAPHICS; U.S. SENATE SEAT HELD CURRENTLY BY SENATOR KAY HAGAN; PRESIDENT OBAMA'S 2ND TERM; THE IRS SCANDAL; THE NSA SCANDAL; NATIONAL AND STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY; THOM TILLIS RUNNING FOR THE SENATE SEAT IN 2014; RICIN-LACED LETTERS; THE FBI; LAW ENFORCEMENT; BENGHAZI INCIDENT AND HILLARY CLINTON'S APPROVAL RATING; 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION; "MORAL MONDAY" MOVEMENT AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE; RACIAL ISSUES; GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY'S BACKGROUND AND POLITICAL HISTORY AND YEARS AS MAYOR OF CHARLOTTE****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY", GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA

****ISSUES COVERED: STATE GOVERNMENT; NC COUNCIL OF STATE; PUBLIC SERVICE; POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING AND FUNDRAISING; STATE BUDGET; MANUFACTURING; AGRICULTURE; BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY; JOB CREATION; CITY OF CHARLOTTE; PAT MCCRORY'S TIME AS MAYOR OF CHARLOTTE; OPERATION OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR; "STREAMLINING" STATE GOVERNMENT; BALANCING THE STATE'S BUDGET; MEDICAID COST OVERRUNS; THE STATE DEBT; ROLE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN MCCRORY'S REGIME; EMPLOYMENT/UNEMPLOYMENT; CHANGING THE STATE PERSONNEL ACT; COMMUNITY SERVICE****

PA BLOCK FOR 06-23-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

WITH THE DEATH OF GOV. JAMES HOLSHOUSER THIS WEEK, NORTH CAROLINA SAID GOODBYE TO A PIECE OF POLITICAL HISTORY. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ LOOKS BACK AT THE FIRST REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR ELECTED IN THE STATE IN THE 20TH CENTURY, HIS POLICY VIEWS, AND THE TRANSFORMATIONAL ROLE HE PLAYED IN REPUBLICAN POLITICS THROUGH INTERVIEWS WITH VETERAN POLITICAL REPORTER ROB CHRISTENSEN OF THE RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER AND JOHN HOOD OF THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION. WE ALSO HEAR MEMORIES FROM GOV. PAT MCCRORY, FORMER HOLSHOUSER AIDE BALLARD EVERETT, AND POLITICAL TALK SHOW HOST AND ANALYST TOM CAMPBELL. THEN WE TURN TO FIRST LADY ANN MCCRORY'S NEWS CONFERENCE ABOUT PUPPY MILLS, AN ISSUE NEAR TO HER HEART, AND WHY SHE URGING LEGISLATORS TO TAKE ACTION. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY THE LATEST POLLING DATA FROM TOM JENSEN OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING. JENSEN TALKS WITH MARTINEZ ABOUT THE U.S. SENATE RACE FOR THE SEAT NOW HELD BY DEMOCRAT KAY HAGAN, THE PRESIDENT'S DWINDLING POPULARITY IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING HIS SECOND TERM, AND HOW GOV. PAT MCCRORY AND STATE LEGISLATORS ARE FARING WITH VOTERS. THEN WE HEAR FROM SEN. HAGAN ABOUT THE RACE FOR RE-ELECTION, AND WE HEAR FROM ONE OF THE REPUBLICANS WHO WANTS TO CHALLENGE HER FOR THE SENATE SEAT, HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS, REPUBLICAN OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY. AND FINALLY, MARTINEZ PROVIDES AN UPDATE ON A COURTROOM WIN FOR 1ST DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN G.K. BUTTERFIELD OVER THE 2012 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY OPPONENT WHO HAD CHALLENGED BUTTERFIELD'S STANDING ON THE 2012 BALLOT.

****ISSUES COVERED: THE PASSING OF FORMER GOVERNOR JIM HOLSHOUSER; NC POLITICAL HISTORY; EDUCATION; HEALTH CARE; NC REPUBLICAN PARTY; 2008 NC GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION; NORTH CAROLINA AS A TWO-PARTY STATE; NC GOVERNOR'S TERM LIMITS; HUMANE TREATMENT OF PETS AND ANIMALS; FIGHTING CRUELTY TO ANIMALS; ANIMAL WELFARE LEGISLATION; 2014 NC SENATE ELECTION; POLLING AND THE POPULARITY/POLLING NUMBERS FOR SENATOR KAY HAGAN****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH JOHN HOOD", PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION

****ISSUES COVERED: NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY; NC REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES; ANALYSIS OF THE NC HOUSE AND THE NC SENATE; COST OF MEDICAID IN NORTH CAROLINA; NC STATE BUDGET; SCHOOL VOUCHERS; NC REVENUE GROWTH; THE STATE DEFICIT; PRIMARY, SECONDARY, AND HIGHER EDUCATION; NC COMMUNITY COLLEGES; THE COST OF HEALTH CARE; AFFORDABLE CARE ACT; THE AGING POPULATION; ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND

JOB CREATION; REORGANIZING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT USING THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR; STATE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM; STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM****

PA BLOCK FOR 06-30-13

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THE U.S. SUPREME COURT HAS RULED THAT A SECTION OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL, MEANING THAT STATES LIKE NORTH CAROLINA – WHICH HAS 44 COUNTIES THAT HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO VRA RULES – NO LONGER HAVE TO COMPLY WITH THE 1965 FORMULA THE COURT HAS DEEMED OBSOLETE. YOU’LL HEAR REACTION FROM CHRIS BROOK OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ACLU AND LT. GOV. DAN FOREST, WHO TELLS HOST DONNA MARTINEZ THAT THE RULING MAY PAVE THE WAY FOR A NEW LAW REQUIRING A PHOTO I.D. TO VOTE. FOREST ALSO DISCUSSES HIS FIRST SIX MONTHS IN OFFICE AND HIS REACTION TO PROTESTERS WHO SHOW UP ON MONDAY EVENINGS AT THE LEGISLATURE, WHERE FOREST PRESIDES OVER THE SENATE. THEN WE TURN THE LATEST TWIST IN THE STORY OF THE PROTESTS ORGANIZED AGAINST REPUBLICANS AND THEIR POLICIES BY THE NORTH CAROLINA NAACP AND OTHER ALLIES OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. FRANCIS DELUCA OF THE CIVITAS INSTITUTE TELLS MARTINEZ ABOUT HIS GROUP’S RESEARCH INTO THE PROTESTERS THAT HAVE BEEN ARRESTED. THE DATA, GATHERED FROM PUBLIC RECORDS, PROVIDES A PROFILE OF THE MORAL MONDAY ARRESTEES. DELUCA ALSO DISCUSSES THE HEAT HE’S TAKING FROM PROGRESSIVES AND DEMOCRATS FOR POSTING THE PUBLIC INFORMATION. IN RESPONSE TO HIS ACTION, DELUCA’S OWN SALARY ENDED UP POSTED ONLINE. THAT’S FOLLOWED BY AN UPDATE ON ELECTION 2014. MARTINEZ TALKS WITH DON WEBB, A HIGH POINT BUSINESSMAN WHO HAS ANNOUNCED HE WILL SEEK THE GOP NOMINATION FOR THE 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT NOW HELD BY FELLOW REPUBLICAN HOWARD COBLE. WEBB TELLS MARTINEZ WHY HE’S RUNNING AND DISCUSSES HIS VIEWS OF KEY ISSUES.

****ISSUES COVERED: THE U.S. SUPREME COURT; THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT; VOTER ID BILL; MINORITY VOTING; NC ACLU; REDISTRICTING; NC ELECTION LAWS; NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY; POLITICAL PARTIES; “MORAL MONDAY” PROTESTS; NC NAACP; THE CIVITAS INSTITUTE; 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FROM NORTH CAROLINA; SAME-SEX MARRIAGE; INTERVIEW WITH DON WEBB, WHO IS SEEKING THE GOP NOMINATION FOR THE 6TH DISTRICT****

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

”INTERVIEW WITH BRUCE STANLEY”, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN

****ISSUES COVERED: CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY ISSUES; HEALTH CARE; PUBLIC WELFARE; ORPHANAGES; GOVERNMENT REGULATION AND REGULATORY RELIEF; JUVENILE JUSTICE; STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; CRIME PREVENTION; AUDITING OF NON-PROFITS; FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS; SOCIETAL ATTITUDES; DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE AND PREVENTION; SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY; BULLYING****